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On Our Cover:



Bruce Collier as  
Winston Churchill

By Nikki Hedrick  
Northwest Florida Theatre Festival  
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Opening Remarks

My Heart Attack Year

“Anyone here ever had a heart attack? Them motherf\*\$%ers HOIT!!”  
- Richard Pryor, circa 1978

And that pretty much sums up the whole heart attack thing. Richard Pryor wasn't even 40 when that happened to him. My heart hung on for 52 years, despite all the years of heavy smoking and other things that were clearly not good for me. Fortunately, mountains of cocaine were never part of my lifestyle.

I spent a fun three and a half days in the local hospital, and never again will I take an uninterrupted night of sleep for granted. Every 15 minutes, someone came in to poke and prod and deny my impassioned request for a glass of 16-year-old single malt scotch.

They should have a fully-stocked bar at every hospital, at least for the people visiting their loved ones. Anything to take the edge off.

The cardiology team did a complicated procedure on my heart, which I can't explain here because I'm not a doctor and I slept through the whole thing. I also



Editor Manson and Beachcomber Music Award nominee Brandon Day a/k/a the Cheap Trick Brothers. This was pre-heart attack and completely unplanned.

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# This Issue's Contributors

Contributing Editor **Bruce Collier** (Cover Model) writes: "This will mark my fourth performance in *Winston Churchill: Through the Storm* since I premiered the show a year ago at Emerald Coast Theatre Company's Northwest Florida Theatre Festival.

"First thing I learned was that the challenge of writing a one-man play about a guy like Churchill is not what to write, but what to leave out. He lived the lives of five men. And wrote about almost everything he did, often while doing it. And there's his lifespan—when Churchill was born, the president of the United States was U.S. Grant; when he died it was Lyndon B. Johnson. He came into the world two years before the telephone was invented. If he'd lived four more years, he'd have seen the first man walk on the Moon. He witnessed the birth of aviation, two global wars, the Holocaust, and nuclear weapons. And so on. I also learned that people love to see, and hear, Winston.

"I started working on the script in a year that saw no fewer than four film or TV productions about or featuring Churchill, one of which earned an Oscar. I was afraid the market had been saturated. Yet, at every performance, I've had the pleasure of looking out over my brandy and cigar at big, enthusiastic audiences, two of them completely sold out.

"I'm grateful for that, but to misquote Billy Joel, it ain't me they've been comin' to see. It's Mr. Churchill—soldier, statesman, raconteur, Nobel laureate, Adolf Hitler's Worst Nightmare, and the most fun a portly, balding actor can have on stage all by himself. Hope you can come. Winston will keep things lively. And whip the Nazis—again."

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** (Cover \*among other things\*) is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently up to her ears in beach wedding season.

**Bill Herrin** ("You Could Judge a Book by Its Cover, But...") has worked with newspapers, ad agencies, and companies of all sizes as a graphic designer, art director, creative director, copywriter, illustrator, artist and freelance cartoonist. He has lived on the Emerald Coast for two years, and finds the area to be a perfect fit for him and his wife. Bill also plays drums in a local cover band (Catalyst) that performs all over Beachcomberland.

**Clay Jones** (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His cartoons have recently been featured on CNN, and he was a finalist for the 2019 Herblock Prize.

Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

Upon discovering that **Samantha Lambert** ("One on One with Chris Hayes") lived right across the neighborhood, Editor Manson crashed her recent Kentucky Derby party. He reports that he had a lovely time.

## Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

found out my blood sugar numbers were pretty high, though upon getting back home it's been low to normal. So I'm not sure what kind of diabetes, if any, I have. I do look forward to eating whatever the hell I want to again some day.

This issue goes to press on Wednesday, the same day I'm going to see my new doctor for my first post-heart attack once-over. I have a lot of questions for him, not the least of which is WHEN CAN I EAT WHATEVER THE HELL I WANT TO AGAIN?

I want to single out the great nurses on staff at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, all of whom were kind and very knowledgeable. And all the wonderful people around here that are getting together on Monday, **May 20**, at Destin's Funky Blues Shack for the Chris Manson Celebration of Life event.

But just remember—I'm not dead. Yet.

Love,  
Editor Manson

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

On the cover of our List Issue (April 25-May 8 *Beachcomber*), the "Matt Gaetz's Greatest Fails (So Far)" list was incorrectly attributed to Charles Morgan. That list was actually submitted by one of our readers. We apologize to Mr. Morgan for the error, and to all residents of Northwest Florida for Mr. Gaetz's shortcomings.



## YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Mason,  
Picked up your publication while on vacation this week and was jolted by your political cartoon choices and other comments.

We are on vacation!!!! And do not want your politics in our face. It immediately makes you doubt the intelligence behind this paper and that was re-enforced (*sic*) as I paged through it.

Find another soap box and let us enjoy our sun and fun. Know your audience.  
- Lanie Bevan

**Editor's Note:** Congratulations on having your comments published here! I will be sending you an autographed copy of our recent issue (see below).





# Bands of 30A Raises \$20K for Sonder Project

The Bands of 30A hosted a charity concert at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar on Sunday, April 14, to benefit The Sonder Project. The threat of severe storms did not keep Bands of 30A from hosting one of the best local charity concerts. Shunk Gulley stepped up to provide the backup venue, and adjustments were made to the original event plans. The rain cleared and concertgoers showed up in overwhelming support for this "Plan B" charity concert. The event raised \$20,000 for The Sonder Project.

Raising monetary help and awareness for local charities that need community support is the vision of Bands of 30A. With the generosity of sponsors and artists participating in the concerts, founders **Casey Kearney**, April Roach and Crystal Smith have raised over \$100,000 to date.

"It feels unreal," said Ms. Kearney. "We started Bands of 30A on a whim with one concert in mind to help victims of Hurricane Harvey. We could not have imagined in this short time we would have been able to host all of these events for various charities and receive enough support to reach \$100,000. It is truly remarkable, and we are so thankful to have been able to be a part of this. It has blessed our hearts as much as it has helped others."



April Roach, Brian Kelley, Brittney Kelley, Casey Kearney, Crystal Smith and Kim Cattellier at April's Bands of 30A concert in Santa Rosa Beach.

Proceeds from this event were donated to The Sonder Project, a not-for-profit organization focused on building communities locally and internationally. The Sonder Project was founded by local businesses including 360 Blue, 30A, and YOLO. The Sonder Project made a huge impact in the Hurricane Michael recovery efforts and focuses on housing, clean water, and education in communities needing help locally and over seas.

Seated comfortably under the large tent on the Shunk Gulley lawn, families enjoyed music from Bryan Kennedy and Forrest Williams, Casey Kearney

and Tim Roberts, The Wildlife Specials, Boukou Groove, Mari Gleason, and Luke Langford with Beachcomber Music Award winning fiddle player Matt Miller.

Baytowne Provisions provided the wine, and Grayton Beer Company and Oyster City Brewery provided the beer. It was all silliness and smiles at The Bands of 30A Photo Booth sponsored by Homes on 30A. Videographer Jeremiah Hillman from Unique Perspectives and Laura Shields from Caught Your Moment Photography captured the event perfectly. Eloquent Signs printed all the sponsor banners, signs, and posters.

Tribe Kelley Surf Post was a presenting sponsor of this concert. **Brian Kelley** of Florida Georgia Line, with wife Brittney, are owners of Tribe Kelley and expressed their support of this cause saying "This is our second year being a part of Bands of 30A and we are thrilled to be a little piece of the puzzle to give all these local artists such a great voice here in this amazing community," said Mr. Kelley.

Other leading sponsors for this event included Luke & Blue's, Coyote Ugly, Chiringo, SpecBooks, Sunrise Coffee Co., and Center for the Grace Foundation.

Concertgoers were asked to make a \$10 donation at the door in exchange for the afternoon of music and fun. Bands of 30A merchandise sales helped in raising these funds. You can find Bands of 30A swag including t-shirts, hats, logo stickers, dog bandanas and more online at **bandsof30a.com**. The Bands of 30A merchandise has been provided by area businesses such as ipromoteu, South Walton Stitchery, and BrandStyled.

Plans are already underway for the next Bands of 30A concert, if you have questions, are interested in sponsoring, or interested in volunteering for future events, please email **bandsof30a@gmail.com** or call 850-797-9714.

- Bands of 30A

# Community Rallies to Bring Back Mobile Dental Clinic

This month, Children's Volunteer Health Network (CVHN) will unveil a new and improved mobile dental clinic, allowing the organization to more efficiently serve students in Okaloosa and Walton County Schools. In 2018, CVHN was forced to retire its beloved mobile dental clinic, Just for Grins, after it sustained previously undetected water damage.

"The loss of our Mobile Dental Clinic was disappointing," said CVHN executive director **Brian Lowe**. "Although it made our outreach in the schools more challenging, our determined team served more than 650 kids while performing 2,856 procedures during the 2017-2018 school year."

In order to continue reaching under-resourced children in our community, the CVHN team has been transporting the dental equipment and supplies in personal vehicles to set up temporary clinics in the schools. Having a new bus will enable the CVHN team

to increase the capacity to serve additional students in the upcoming school year.

"A generous grant from the Dugas Family Foundation made the purchase of this bus possible," Mr. Lowe said. "Once the bus arrives, we will need the help of the community to ensure we can keep it stocked and running from school-to-school."

For the last 10 months, CVHN has been securing the funding, designing and coordinating the manufacturing of a brand new 37-foot long and 12-and-a-half-foot tall mobile dental clinic bus. The bus is equipped with two treatment bays to facilitate preventative and restorative dental services, an area to educate children on appropriate dental hygiene, and plenty of space to recognize the donors who passionately support CVHN's programs to the most vulnerable children in both counties.

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CVHN's new mobile dental clinic will be unveiled at the Third Annual Smile Mile & 5K in WaterColor May 11.



# Forget Impeachment – There’s a Better Way to Get Donald Trump Out of Office

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

**Sen. Elizabeth Warren** says President Trump must be impeached.

She says it’s a moral imperative, when it’s actually a simple math problem.

The House of Representatives could easily vote for articles of impeachment, but the Republican-controlled Senate will never convict Donald Trump. There aren’t enough votes.

It would be, like the Bill Clinton impeachment hearings, a doomed and stupendously expensive exercise that could backfire on the president’s critics.

While House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders are struggling to tamp down the impeachment chatter, others—including 2020 candidates such as Warren, Sen. Kamala Harris and former HUD secretary Julian Castro—are all fired up.

Just look at the Mueller Report! they say.

Well, sure. Even the redacted version paints Trump as a lying, bullying, petty, paranoid child who would have done anything to shut down the Special Counsel’s investigation.

If such high-level interference or intimidation of the Justice Department had occurred during President Barack Obama’s third year in office, he would have been tried, convicted and gavelled out of a job by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in a nanosecond.

And, yes, a Congress faced with evidence of obstruction of justice or other offenses by a sitting president is constitutionally empowered to proceed, without political considerations.

That sounds very high-principled, but so do the words engraved on the Statue of Liberty, which are, at this point, basically decorative.

Liberals who know how to add numbers also know that the president won’t be vanquished from office by impeachment. So, setting aside their available constitutional mission, what would be the point of hauling the country through a lengthy, ultimately fruitless prosecution?

Here’s the blockbuster news we would learn from House impeachment hearings about the Trump presidency:

1. The White House is a dysfunctional madhouse where the job turnover is higher than your average Papa Johns.
2. Trump is incapable of speaking the truth. A man who casually thrice lies about his father’s own birthplace (it was New York City, not a town in Germany) isn’t only unfit to govern, he’s ungovernable.
3. Trump tests the loyalty of his anxiety-ridden staff members by their willingness to defend his dumb-ass lies at the cost of their own integrity.
4. Before the election, there were numerous contacts between Putin-connected Russians and Trump loyalists and campaign operatives. However, because

Trump’s campaign was so comically plagued with amateurs, it’s conceivable that those who cozied up to the Russians were too stupid to know they were breaking the law.

Sure, impeachment investigators might dig up additional details about the sleazy antics of Paul Manafort, Mike Flynn, Michael Cohen and the other greedy boneheads Trump surrounded himself with.

It’s also possible that House will nail down more incidents in which the President tried to thwart Mueller’s work, or jeopardized national security to benefit his private business deals.

None of it matters to Trump’s devoted core base of supporters, currently hovering around 37 per cent. There’s nothing about his blowhard, back-tracking persona that they don’t already know, and probably nothing they would learn will change their minds.

The portrait of volatility and incompetence painted by the Mueller Report mirrors what’s been described in all the insider accounts already published about this presidency.

Trump’s tremulous tweet storms are destined for future psychiatric textbooks, and you could compile a three-hour speech reel of him spouting one lie after another. The folks who support him don’t much care.

Some Democrats who concede that impeachment will probably end in acquittal by the Senate insist it’s still worth the effort. They say the hearings will keep the issue of Trump’s diarrheal dishonesty at the top of the debate, energizing their voter base and fundraising for the 2020 race.

That’s the same strategy tried by then-Speaker Newt Gingrich two decades ago, when he knew the GOP in the Senate didn’t have the votes to remove Bill Clinton. Clinton’s presidency was damaged and distracted by the circus, but he left office with higher popularity ratings than the Republicans that went after him.

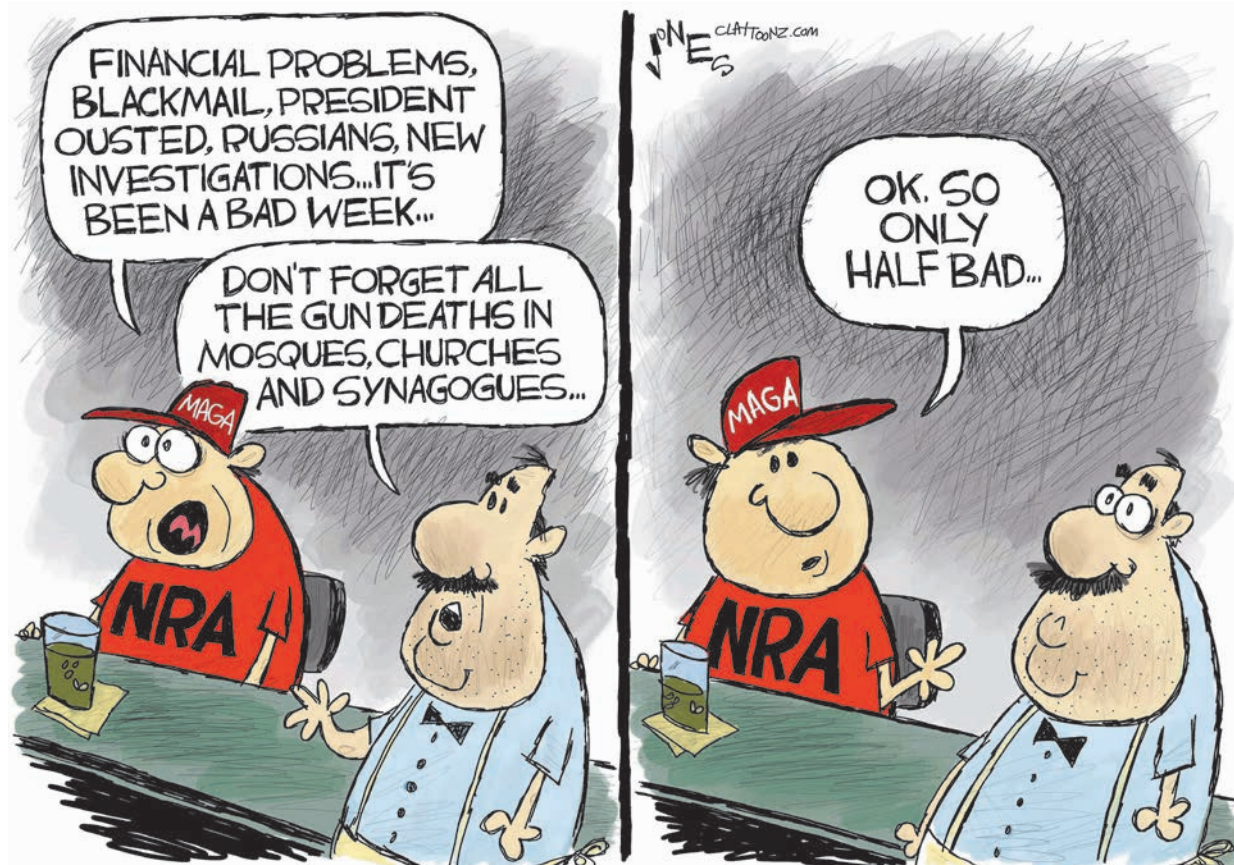
Is impeaching Trump justified under the Constitution? Of course. Duh. He’s the most venal, lawless, infantile boob who ever sat in the Oval Office.

But he’ll survive a Senate trial, and the extravaganza will only feed his crybaby narrative about “presidential harassment.”

The pending Congressional investigations, if clearly focused, could be important and break some actual news. Impeachment would just be a show.

And, seriously, is there a functioning adult in this whole nation who needs further illumination about the current goat rodeo in the White House? Everyone knows what Trump is capable of, and you either love his act or you hate it.

Only a fool would wait for Congress to get rid of him. A better way -- also a gift from the Constitution -- is to get off your ass and vote him out.





# Please – PLEASE – Blur the Robert Kraft Day-Spa Videos

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

**As a fractured** nation argues over the redactions in the Mueller report, another high-profile First Amendment battle is being waged way south of Washington, D.C.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers in Palm Beach County, Florida, have squared off over the planned release of police videos allegedly showing New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and other defendants engaged in sex acts at a local “day spa.”

Kraft has pleaded innocent to soliciting prostitution. If indeed he received only routine rubdowns on his two chauffeured trips to Orchids of Asia in Jupiter, Florida, one might suppose he and his attorneys would want the tapes promptly released to exonerate him.

But they desperately, frantically, do not want the tapes released.

Under Florida’s Sunshine Law, however, such evidence is a public record. The media will fight, as it should, to get copies. Kraft’s lawyers will fight to suppress.

With the exception of gleeful fans of the Miami Dolphins and other Patriots rivals, it’s difficult to imagine why anyone in their right mind is dying to see videotape of a 77-year-old man with his pants around his ankles wriggling on a massage table.

Seriously, folks, hasn’t America been through enough?

My guess is there are millions of people, like myself, who—despite a profound reverence for the Constitution, especially the First Amendment—would reach into their pockets and pay good money to not have to see whatever Kraft was doing at the Orchids of Asia.

As a compromise, I would respectfully propose a GoFundMe page captioned, PLEASE, YOUR HONORS, SPARE US FROM THE BOB KRAFT TAPES!

The proceeds from the online campaign could be donated to organizations that help sex-trafficking victims, or to the favorite charities of Palm Beach Circuit Judge Joseph Marx and County Judge Leonard Hanser.

Last week, Marx temporarily blocked prosecutors from releasing the day-spa videos. A hearing is set for April 29.

Hanser, who is the trial judge in Kraft’s case, will likely be forced to rule on the same issue.

It’s considered heresy for a career journalist to advocate keeping secret a key piece of evidence in criminal court. Yet, in this instance, one could argue that the public’s right to see is outweighed by

the potential damage inflicted—not to Kraft (who’s already been humiliated), but to unwitting cable-news and internet viewers.

The male body doesn’t improve with age, and at 77 there isn’t a man alive who still looks like Orlando Bloom. In fact, based on the mug shots of the day-spa defendants, the younger ones don’t look much like Orlando Bloom, either.

More unsettling, by every measure, is the alleged activity that was going on inside the massage parlors. Anyone who’s actually excited about watching that stuff can go to a porn site, where the videography is high-res and not cluttered with police timestamps.

The last time such a spirited constitutional debate arose over body-part videos was five years ago, following the DUI arrest of Mr. Justin Bieber in (where else?) Miami Beach.

Bieber had been pulled over while street racing in a yellow Lamborghini, and he unwisely made some loud remarks that the officers construed as confrontational. He was taken into custody, booked and later asked to provide a urine sample.

The Miami Beach police station is equipped with many wall-mounted cameras, and several clips of a now-docile Bieber were recorded. One of them captured the singer holding a container and approaching the designated urinal.

Subsequently, a court clash commenced between his legal team and attorneys for several media

outlets. Some of the public—including Bieber’s adoring young fan base—clamored for a peek at what became known as the “pee tape.”

Bieber, however, was reluctant to have the moment shared.

A judge settled the dispute by allowing the release of the pee tape, though with a black bar obscuring the pop star’s penis. No doubt our Founding Fathers never envisioned the First Amendment being tested in such a way.

Before Judge Marx’s order, the prosecutors of Kraft and 24 other men were prepared to release “pixelated” versions of the day-spa videos, in which any obscene images would be blurred.

Assuming the judges won’t be swayed by a GoFundMe drive to keep the tapes private, the next best thing to hope for is an orgy of court-ordered pixelation.

In the name of mercy, your honors, please blur whatever needs blurring. Save the unredacted versions for the jury.

Americans are a strong people, but we can only endure so much.

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# Farewell to the Perfect Dog

By Charles Morgan III

We lost our dog Junior last week. Not lost like we couldn't find him. Junior would never wander very far from us. We lost him the other way. After 16 years of near perfection, Junior died. One hundred and 12 years of spectacular dog life, and Junior died as expected. He died a perfect death.

Junior wasn't a rescue dog. Neither was his father. Bear sired two litters of 10 puppies each, at the same time. Eddie went with his sister Leah to pick a puppy for her friend. Eddie came home with Junior.

"You picked a hell of a dog," I told Eddie the other day.

"I didn't pick Junior," Eddie said. "He picked me."

"Out of 20 puppies, he followed me around and he jumped in my lap," Eddie continued. "And by the way, Junior picked a pretty good family."



school of mullet. Just for something to do.

Junior ran the trails in Red Bay. He'd join in with a trio of Australian Shepherds on trail rides. Junior would lope along, sometimes right under the horses. Like everything that got to know Junior, the horses loved him..

Occasionally the dogs would jump some deer—they'd give chase and leave the horses and us. We'd get back to the barn and Junior would be passed out. But his tail still wagged.

His tail wagged for the past 18 months even after two strokes left him deaf and virtually blind. He got around the yard and the house from memory. He took care of things and never had an accident.

Junior was intact (as they say) throughout his life. But he was never lucky in the romance department. He had a longtime friendship with a 15-pound ball of white fluff named Zoe. And while he showed affection to a 10-pound miniature brown poodle named Izzy, the attention was never returned.

Because he was perfect, Junior had advantages over other dogs. He got to go places.

He spent summers swimming and fishing the flats in the Bahamas. I'd swim long, straight distances and Junior would swim inches off my shoulder. Not once did he scratch me. He never even bumped into me.

Twice, boats with tourists approached—too closely—while we swam. I stuck my head out of the water when I heard the props.

"We weren't sure what we were seeing," they said. "We just came to check it out."

Junior loved the water. Once when we were out of town and my mother was watching Junior, he disappeared. She hollered for him and drove up and down Calhoun Avenue looking for him. It was getting dark and she called Chatham.

Chatham came to her house. It was getting dark. He went on the dock and scanned the bay. A half mile out he saw Junior's head. Junior was swimming away from the shore.

Chatham got on a paddleboard, paddled out to Junior and got him on the board. Junior had been chasing a

Our daughter Jane was eight years old when Junior joined our family. She and Junior were close. Close in part because when Jane would visit from New York she made sure Junior slept in her small bed. I have a feeling she fed him cookies and ice cream.

She was also Junior's official photographer.

He never met a stranger. He never growled at another dog or person. He would have been a total failure as a guard dog.

Last Thursday, I was heading home from Mobile. Carla called in tears. Junior was sick. We both knew he was sick for the last time.

It took two hours to get home. Eddie and Chatham were leaving the house with tears in their eyes.

I joined Carla and Junior on his favorite blanket on the living room floor. He could barely lift his head. Fifteen minutes later and after three really deep breaths, he died.

I think he waited for me to get home. Of course, I like to think Junior was my dog. But he wasn't.

Junior was everybody's dog.



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# Yacht Rock and Underwater Art

The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County (CAA) is excited to announce that Yacht Rock Schooner will headline the second annual “Under The Sea” fundraiser for the Underwater Museum of Art (UMA), a collaborative project with the South Walton Artificial Reef Association (SWARA).

“Under the Sea” will take place on Thursday, **May 9**, from 6 to 10 PM in Grand Boulevard’s Town Center and is the official kick-off party for Art Month South Walton, a month-long celebration of the arts that includes many diverse arts events throughout May.

Yacht Rock Schooner throws the smoothest dance party on the high seas, taking guests on a journey to a time when good time music had heart and musical integrity. The eight-man Schooner specializes in the smooth sounds of the late ’70s and early ’80s. It’s a party that spans generations, and the band is comprised of some of Atlanta’s top players with a dual



keyboard setup, multiple ace vocalists and (of course) a sax man.

“Under The Sea” partygoers will have an exclusive chance to meet the 2019

UMA artists and see their original sculptures before they are deployed to the UMA site. Special food menu items from some of South Walton’s most popular restaurants will be available,

along with a cash bar featuring signature cocktails, wine, and beer.

The event is rain or shine. Tickets are \$65 per person and are on sale now at **UMAFLL.org** and **CulturalArtsAlliance.com**. Funds raised from “Under The Sea” ticket sales and a silent auction will benefit the Underwater Museum of Art, the nation’s first permanent dedicated sculpture museum, recognized as one of *Time Magazine’s* 2018 100 World’s Greatest Places as well as one of *National Geographic’s* Best Trips 2019.

The UMA is a presentation of the CAA’s Art in Public Spaces program in partnership with South Walton Artificial Reef Association (SWARA), with the purpose of creating marine habitat and expanding fishery populations while providing enhanced creative, cultural, economic and educational opportunities for the benefit, education and enjoyment of residents, students and visitors in South Walton.

- Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County

## Zoo Gallery Hosts Artist and Author Raven Roxanne

On Saturday, **May 11**, The Zoo Gallery at 500 Grand Boulevard in Miramar Beach hosts artist and children’s author **Raven Roxanne** for an exclusive book signing and reading beginning at 11 AM.

Based in Charleston, South Carolina, Raven was raised on the Emerald Coast and was inspired to create at a young age from the artistic influence of her family’s eclectic art gallery, The Zoo Gallery. Founded in 1979 by her parents, Chris and Roxie Wilson, The Zoo Gallery carries an extensive array of artwork, pottery, jewelry, and home décor that is hard to come by in other areas along the Emerald Coast.

As one of many artistic minds in her family, Raven went on to receive a Bachelor in Fine Arts from Auburn University and then moved on to create works of art that are centered around the thriving strength of women, the beauty of imperfection, and the harmony of mental and physical well-being of the figure.

Raven partnered with Serena & Lily to launch her storybook at the start of 2019. Serena & Lily hosted her in a cross-country tour from New York to California to read her book and teach a “Nest” workshop for children. She has also worked with West Elm for the past three years on a variety of projects. Her collection of teacup and bowls with Anthropologie launched this spring.

“My artistic practice is a response to the colors, energies, textures, and composition of my life,” Raven says. “Through my work, I hope to invoke a connection for my viewers while representing the truest version of myself.”

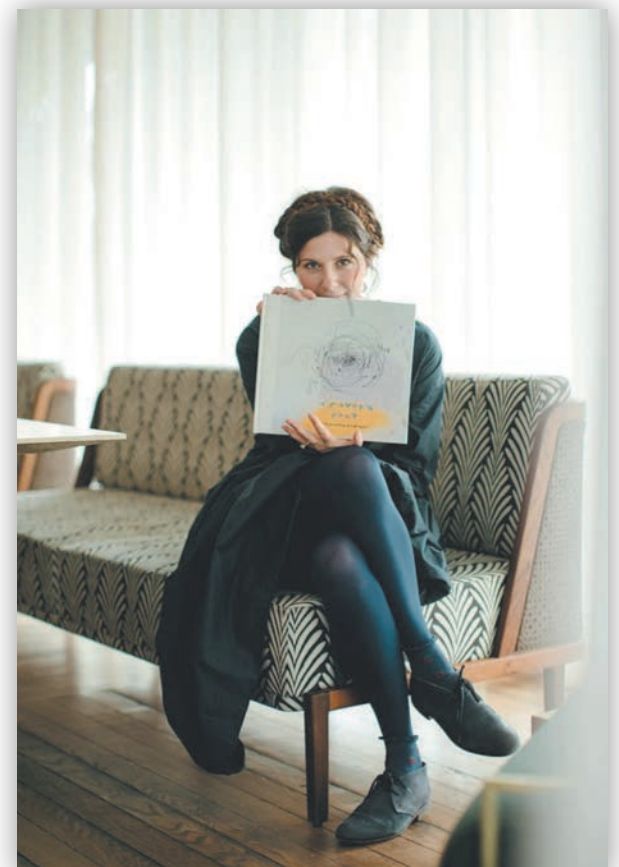
Raven recently published her first children’s book, *A Raven’s Nest*, which follows a young girl and her mischievous dog as they journey to build their own nest using the varied treasures and creatures they discover at the beach.

After the book signing, The Zoo Gallery will feature an art project inspired by Raven’s book for children to participate in. The event will coincide with the 31st Annual ArtsQuest: A Fine Art & Fine Craft Festival.

Also, The Zoo Gallery will host a Magnolia Pearl Trunk Show on Saturday and Sunday, **May 11 and 12**, from 10 AM to 4 PM each day. Magnolia Pearl is one of The Zoo Gallery’s most popular brands, created by Robin Brown from Fredericksburg, Texas. The clothing line is composed of vintage fabrics and laces that can be layered together for a chic, effortless look.

To RSVP for the book signing event, email **info@thezoogallery.com**. To learn more about Raven and her works, visit **RavenRoxanne.com**.

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## Art

### ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center, Fort Walton Beach.** More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio,** 9 AM-noon both days and 6:30-9 PM Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12,** 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

**Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin,** 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

**Tuesdays. Open Studio,** 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

**May 25. Welcome to Watercolors with Natalia Light,** 10 AM-12:30 PM. Paint a realistic, soft black cat...without using any black! Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members). Supply list on the ADSO website, or purchase what you need for \$5.



**May 30. Sip and Paint with Pat Z. Roberts,** 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme is "Dancing Palms," a lighthearted look at the beach. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members), all supplies included.



**CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY,** 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit [www.CHROMA30A.com](http://www.CHROMA30A.com) for more info.

**May 30. Summer Cow.** Cost is \$75.

**July 2. Grand Ole Flag.** Cost is \$75.

**HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA,** 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit [Heritage-Museum.org](http://Heritage-Museum.org) to sign up or for more info.

**HH ARTS,** 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register for classes.

**May 16. Encaustic Wax Painting with Helen,** 10 AM-1 PM. Paint with iron, stylus, griddle, brush... and take home some of your unique work! Cost is \$40, all supplies included. Call to register.

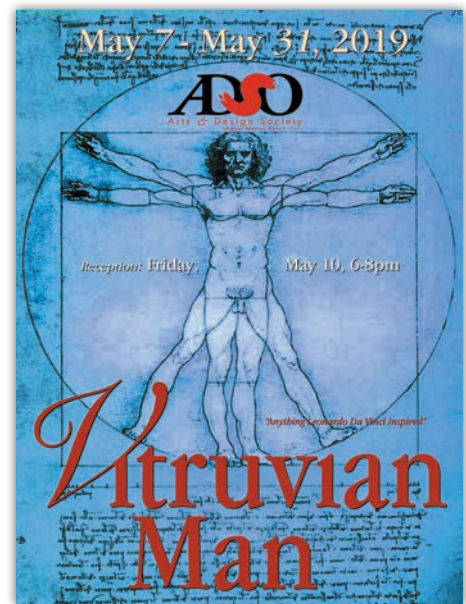
**THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton,** Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at [ShardShop.com](http://ShardShop.com) or call 850-231-0544.

### ART EVENTS

**THROUGH MAY 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH**

May's featured artist is the diverse **Corina Zalace**, who works in pointillism and watercolors, and has written and illustrated four books.

**THROUGH MAY 31. ADSO'S "VITRUVIAN MAN" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH**



**Designed by Rick Otoupalik.**

The show features art inspired by the work of Leonardo da Vinci, with a reception Friday, **May 10, 6-8 PM.**

**THROUGH MAY 31. DOROTHY EDEN EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY**

Ms. Eden was born in Tokyo and grew up in Fort Walton Beach. She graduated from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale with a major in fine arts, and her works have been exhibited in numerous regional shows. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.



THROUGH JULY 15. THE FOSTER GALLERY’S SPRING ROTATION IN GRAND BOULEVARD TOWN CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH

Artists include **Gayle Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Lee Clark, Heather Clements, Skip Deems, Iva Jazayeri, Linda Kernick, Jason Lindblad, Merry Beth Myrick, Rosalyn O’Grady, William Polley, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Shelly Swanger** and **Connie Sweetland**. Call 850-837-3037 or visit **CulturalArtsAlliance.com** for more info.

THROUGH JULY 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY’S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE

Artists include **Melody Bogle, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Patrick Connolly, Skip Deems, Joyful Enriquez, Victoria Guennewig, Marian Pacsuta, Mary Redmann, The Salty Sparrow, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, and Judy Walton**. Call 850-837-3037 or visit **CulturalArtsAlliance.com** for more info.

MAY 15. ADSO PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

From 6 to 8 PM, enjoy fellowship with other photographers, share and discuss work. Open to all, from beginners to pros. Call Lorelei at 850-218-6113 for more info.

MAY 18. ADSO’S “URBAN SKETCHERS” IN DOWNTOWN PENSACOLA

Meet at 9 AM across from the Pensacola Museum of Art on West Main Street, sketch for a few hours, then enjoy lunch and discuss what everyone has drawn. Email **bnhllly@gmail.com** for more info.

MAY 22. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH



At 11:30 AM, Cultural Arts Alliance honcho **Jennifer Steele** discusses the Underwater Museum of Art (see article in this section) and more. Cost is \$12 if you make your rezzies by Monday, **May 20**; after that, it’s \$15. Email **adsorsvp@gmail.com** or call 850-244-1271.

MAY 23. ADSO’S “DRINK & DRAW” AT KC’S SANDBAR, DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH

Meet at 6 PM, draw (and drink) whatever you like. Email **bnhllly@gmail.com** for more info.

STARTS JUNE 10. CULTURAL ARTS CREATIVE KIDS CAMP SUMMER SERIES AT THE BAYOU ARTS CENTER, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Camp sessions are scheduled Monday through Friday with a different age group served each week. Primary sessions for ages 4-6 run **June 10-14** and **July 15-19** from 9 AM to noon. Elementary sessions for ages 7-9 will run **June 17-21** and **July 22-26** from 9 AM to 2 PM. Middle school sessions for ages 10-13 will run **June 24-28** and **July 29–Aug. 2** from 9 AM to 2 PM. The Bayou Arts Center located at 105 Hogtown Bayou Lane in Santa Rosa Beach.

Creative Kids Camp lead instructor **Sue Davis** is a former school teacher who incorporated arts education into her twelve years of teaching

preschool and elementary aged students in Destin and Tallahassee. Sue and pottery instructor **Stacy Martin** will lead students in various projects throughout each week, including two pottery hand-building projects where they will tour the CAA’s new pottery studio and learn the basics of glazing and firing pottery. Campers will learn how to work with a variety of mediums and use different techniques so they go home at the end of the week with a diverse portfolio of work.

Early bird pricing of \$175-200 per child is available now for each five-day session, and space is limited. Early bird registrants will not be charged ticketing fees for additional cost savings. Prices will increase to \$200-250 per child one week in advance of each camp session, and daily drop-in registrations will be available as well. Multiple week discounts apply per child. All supplies are included.

Registration is available online at **CulturalArtsAlliance.com**. Students should be dressed for a fun and messy art experience and should come to class with a peanut-free lunch and water bottle. Snacks will be provided. For more information, call 850-622-5970 or email **info@culturalartsalliance.com**.

STARTS JUNE 17. ADSO KIDS’ SUMMER ART CAMP AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH

Classes begin on Monday with clay artistry and feature a different medium each day, including drawing, painting and other media. Each week ends with an art show and reception for the families during the second half of Friday’s class.

There are four sessions of the camp, organized by age groups. Session 1, for ages 6-8, is **June 17-21**, 9:30-11:30 AM. Session 2, for ages 9-13, is **June 17-21**, 1-3 PM. Session 3, for ages 6-11, is **July 8-12**, 9:30-11:30 AM. Session 4, for ages 6-11, is **July 8-12**, 1-3 PM.

The cost for each of the weeklong sessions is \$70 per child (\$60 for children of ADSO members). Pre-registration is required by Friday, **June 14**, for June sessions, and Friday, **July 5**, for July sessions. For further information or to register, call 850-244-1271 or visit **artsdesignsociety.org**.

ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email **adaro.art@gmail.com** or visit **adaroart.com** for more info.

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**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY** Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

**CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY** features the art of South Walton’s 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick**. Browse Kathleen’s original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen’s studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well

as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The **CHROMA Studio & Gallery** is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding joy in art. **CHROMA** is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit **www.CHROMA30A.com** or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

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**THE JUSTIN GAFFREY GALLERY** features the coastal contemporary paintings and sculptures of local artist Justin Gaffrey. Visit the gallery to browse through Justin’s coastal landscape, floral, and still-life paintings or stroll through the sculpture garden to view the various welded steel sculptures. Justin is most recognized for his heavily textured, heavy bodied acrylic, palette knife paintings of the local landscape, florals, and wildlife. The Justin Gaffrey Gallery is located at 21 Blue Gulf Drive along Scenic highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Visit **justingaffrey.com** or stop by the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM. Follow the Justin Gaffrey Gallery on Facebook and Instagram to see Justin’s most recent creations.

**MARY HONG GALLERY** Located in Grayton Beach (Shops of Grayton), Destin (next to Ulta and Michael’s), Nashville (4th and Union next

to DoubleTree Hotel) and on Magazine Street in New Orleans. Mary Hong, the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year, has been featured in over 10 publications and has appeared on *Emeril’s Florida* TV show and HGTV’s *House Hunters*. Mary’s take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at The Shard Shop, located adjacent to or inside her gallery locations. Classes are offered four to five times a day, and there is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Grayton Beach gallery open seven days a week, 9:30 AM-5 PM 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com**.

**THE SHARD SHOP** open seven days a week, 9:15 AM-4 PM. 850-231-0544. **ShardShop.com/Grayton**. Destin gallery and Shard Shop open seven days a week, 9 AM-7 PM. 850-842-4440. **ShardShop.com/Destin**.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

**Arts and Design Society’s “Phobia” Show**  
ADSO is calling all artists to participate. All art in any medium must depict a phobia (your own or otherwise). Cash awards! Turn in work Saturday, **June 1**, 1-4 PM, and Monday, **June 3**, 9 AM-noon. Visit **artsdesignsociety.org** or call 850-244-1271 for more info.

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# One on One with Musician Chris Hayes

Interview by Samantha Lambert

## If you had not become a musician, what would you be doing now?

I was a recording engineer after high school so I probably would be doing that and producing.

## What got you into music?

When I was 12, John Lennon died. I went out and bought all of the Beatles albums and learned all of their songs. When I was 15, my friends and I started a sixties revival band called The Ardvarzk. I knew three guitar chords.

## Who are your influences?

The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel. Music with acoustic-driven harmony.

## If you could have fans remember one thing about you, what would it be?

*Cha-cha-cha* at the end of every set. People who know me then say, *Oy!*

## Who inspires you?

My wife Tamela is the hardest working person in the world. I am also inspired by bass player Adrian Howland.

## What is your favorite part about this line of work? Least favorite?

Packing up so I can go home to my couch. Least favorite—setting up.

## Have you ever dealt with performance anxiety?

Not really. When I started playing with the RoshamBeatles, I was a little nervous about making mistakes.

## What are your favorite performance venues?

One is Swizzle Stick, where I have been for 16 years. Also, AJ's on the Bayou and the Boathouse (in Destin).

## What advice would you have for someone wanting to follow in your footsteps?

My mentor Bob Redding used to play in town at the Stowaway Lounge. I wanted to do that. He gave me this advice: "If you want to make hundreds of dollars a year, go for it!"

## What do you like to do in your downtime?

I like to golf. I am better than most of my friends. Tuesday nights are my off nights on the couch with my remote.

## What's the worst job you ever had?


I got a job in Norfolk, Virginia. I had no clue where it was until I got there and was told to report to the clown in the food court. It was in the middle of a mall. I was singing to babies in strollers and kids.

## What does the future hold for Chris Hayes?

I'll keep doing this for as long as I'm pretty. I'm living the dream!


*Catch Beachcomber Music Award winner Chris Hayes Fridays through Mondays at the Swizzle Stick Lounge on Okaloosa Island, Wednesdays at The Boathouse in Destin, and Thursdays at AJ's on the Bayou in Fort Walton Beach.*






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## Upcoming Music Releases

### MAY 10

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**Rodney Atkins, *Caught Up in the Country*\***

**Charly Bliss, *Young Enough*\*\***

**Clinic, *Wheeltappers and Shunters*\***

**Daddy Long Legs, *Lowdown Ways*\***

**Mac DeMarco, *Here Comes the Cowboy*\***

**Sammy Hagar & the Circle, *Space Between*\***

**The Last Poets, *Transcending Toxic Times***

**Mavis Staples, *We Get By*\***

**Dionne Warwick, *She's Back***

**Jazz Fest: The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.** Fifty tracks commemorating half a century.

### MAY 17

**Black Oak Arkansas, *Underdog Heroes*\***

**Marty Brown, *American Highway***

**The Cash Box Kings, *Hail to the Kings!***

**Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, *Kingfish***

**The Head and the Heart, *Living Mirage*\***

**Interpol, *A Fine Mess*\***

**Carly Rae Jepsen, *Dedicated***

**The National, *I Am Easy to Find*\***

**Rammstein, *Rammstein*\***

**Steel Pulse, *Mass Manipulation***

**Jimmie Vaughan, *Baby, Please Come Home*\***

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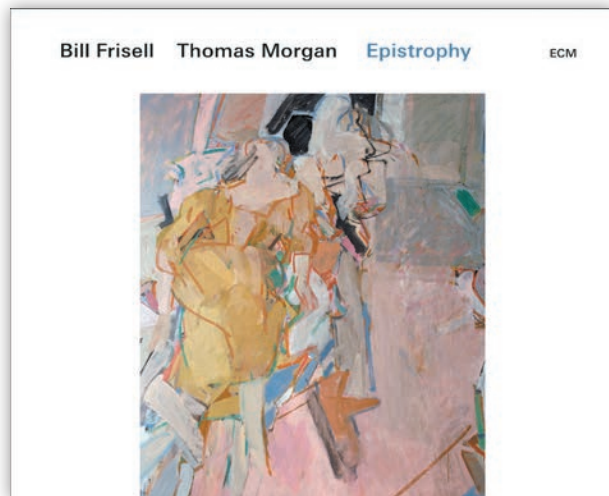
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## Bill Frisell and Thomas Morgan *Epistrophy* ECM



Bill Frisell on guitar and Thomas Morgan on double bass released an album in 2017 (*Small Town*) taken from a live performance run at Village Vanguard in 2016. That same memorable gig yielded a second record, *Epistrophy*. I'm not sure whether Frisell is blessed with picking simpatico collaborators, or whether just the fact of playing with Frisell himself makes everyone simpatico. However it works, this 10-song program covers classic jazz, American Songbook, even bluegrass and folk songs, smoothly gliding from one to the next, each tune dropping down like ripe apples off a tree.

- Bruce Collier

## Wynton Marsalis *Bolden - Music from the Original Soundtrack* Blue Engine

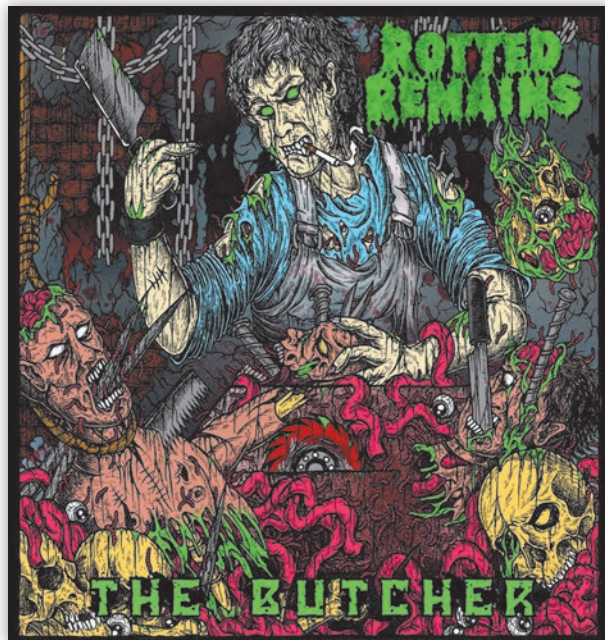


Trumpeter, leader, composer and historian Wynton Marsalis joined with longtime collaborators Wycliffe

Gordon, Marcus Printup and others on *Bolden*, the soundtrack of a newly released biopic about legendary New Orleans jazz cornetist and alleged "father of jazz" Buddy Bolden. Since I'm pretty sure the movie will never come to any local theater, I'll content myself with this lush, meticulous musical framework. Twenty-six tunes evoke Bolden (about whom next to nothing is known) and early 20th century New Orleans in all its tragic, vulgar glory. Marsalis and company create, as always, spot-on embodiments of style and period, unvarnished and technically flawless.

- Bruce Collier

## Rotted Remains *The Butcher* Independent



Panama City's Rotted Remains return with their second release and artfully dodge any inkling of a sophomore slump with this ultra-heavy EP. With old-school styled lyrics full of blood and brutality—and the chops to back them up—Rotted Remains are a death metal tour de force.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Fumi Tomita *The Elephant Vanishes: Jazz Interpretations of the Short Stories of Haruki Murakami* OA2 Records

Japanese bassist Fumi Tomita partakes of the works of short story writer Haruki Murakami in *The Elephant Vanishes*. The title is taken from one of the stories. I'm not familiar with Murakami's work, but I understand he employs realism, surrealism, liberal use of Western pop culture and good old fashioned disconnection and loneliness. Sounds like jazz fodder to me. I was expecting high concept but it's surprisingly accessible, played by



Tomita and his combo of sax, guitar, piano and drums.

- Bruce Collier

## Vagrants *Separation* Equal Vision Records



This Pensacola post-hardcore band is one you should be watching. They have been touring heavily—and with some of the biggest names in the genre—in support of this debut EP. They aren't just waiting for big things to happen, but are actively out there creating them. *Separation* is a stellar debut that showcases why Vagrants are garnering attention from all corners. With well-rounded clean vocals, powerful screams and the musicianship to back it all up, I wouldn't be surprised if I got to say "I knew them when..." one day very soon.

- Nikki Hedrick



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## THURSDAY, MAY 9

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ALEXA BURROUGHS, 5-9 PM

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
MAX McCANN, 4 PM

**HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf**  
CLINT HALL DUO with TOM LATENSER, 6 PM

**HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach**  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
MICHAEL MAGAZZENI, 5 PM

**MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org**  
VELCRO PYGMIES, 7 PM  
*Concerts in the Village. Gates open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, FREE for children 12 and under and MKAF members. VIP tables available—call 850-650-2226 for details. Children 17 and under must be accompanied by parent or guardian. No pets, drones or tables larger than two feet, please.*

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com**  
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

**STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM  
*Ladies Night*

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

**30AVENUE, Inlet Beach**  
HUNTER DAWSON, 6-9 PM

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
HORSESHOE KITTY (Bimini Stage)

**AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**  
TYLER LIVINGSTON & THE ABSOLUTES, 8 PM-Midnight

**THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

**CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

**ELKS LODGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BOBBYD, 6:30-9:30 PM

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Gulf Breeze**  
GULF COAST CHORALE, 7:30 PM  
*“Come Rain or Come Shine”*

**FLOUNDER’S CHOWDER HOUSE, Pensacola Beach**  
RODNEY ATKINS, 8 PM

**FOGHORN’S, Panama City**  
GROUP THERAPY, 9 PM-1 AM

**FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING**  
FLOW TRIBE, 6-8 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
NIC TURNER, 5-8 PM

**HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach**  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

**MEZCAL MEXICAN GRILL, Miramar Beach**  
CLINT HALL DUO with TOM LATENSER, 6 PM

**MODICA MARKET, Seaside**  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
MAX McCANN, 7:30-10:30 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com**  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

**SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar**  
BENGHAZI GRESHAM, 6-9 PM

**VFW LODGE, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
TYLER CHILDERS

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

**AJ’S, Destin**  
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
HORSESHOE KITTY (Bimini Stage)  
3HG (Jumbotron Stage)

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**  
ROSHAMBO, 8 PM-Midnight

**BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO, Biloxi, MS**  
JON ANDERSON of YES, 8 PM (Starting at \$24.95)  
*1000 Hands Tour: Past, Present, Future*

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
GUNNER, 8 PM

**FOGHORN’S, Panama City**  
GROUP THERAPY, 9 PM-1 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 8 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
ROB ROMANS, 5-8 PM

**HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach**  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

**JIMMY’S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 9 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
NIKKI TALLEY DUO, 5 PM

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM  
*Redd is celebrating her 55th, ‘80s style.*

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com**  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

**SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**SEASCAPE TOWNE CENTER EVENTS STAGE, Miramar Beach**  
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 5-9 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar**  
MICHAEL BETHEA, 6-9 PM

**VILLAGE DOOR SEASCAPE, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, Noon-4 PM

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
JB DYESS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

**AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

**ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3 PM

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM  
*Sunday Funday*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
NIKKI TALLEY DUO, 5 PM

**POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach**  
SILVIA MADRIAGA, 6-9 PM

**STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island**  
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

**VILLAGE DOOR SEASCAPE, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

## MONDAY, MAY 13

**AJ’S, Destin**  
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
JASON CLARK, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
Emerald Coast Blues Society Jam, 7 PM

**GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

**HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf**  
CLINT HALL DUO with TOM LATENSER, 6 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
THE MAINE

## TUESDAY, MAY 14

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

**AJ’S, Grayton Beach**  
DIKI ROSS & DAVE COUSAR

**AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**  
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM  
*Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.*

**CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 7 PM

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com**  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM  
*Taco Tuesday*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 PM



Live Music

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com  
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island  
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

AJ’S, Destin  
JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
JACOB MOHR, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach  
JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650  
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach  
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach  
HOODOOS, 4 PM

HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf  
CLINT HALL DUO with TOM LATENSER, 6 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin  
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com  
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island  
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 PM  
Wednesday Night Concert Series

THURSDAY, MAY 16

AJ’S, Destin  
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACKBERRY BREEZE (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach  
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM  
JESSIE RITTER, 5-9 PM

THE BEACH HOUSE, Sandestin  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach  
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach  
MAX MCCANN, 4 PM

HAMMERHEAD’S, Village of Baytowne Wharf  
CLINT HALL DUO with FRED DOMULOT, 6 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin  
ALVARADO ROAD SHOW, 5 PM

MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org  
AZ-IZZ, 7 PM  
Concerts in the Village. Gates open at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, FREE for children 12 and under

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REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com  
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com  
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

STINKY’S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 PM  
Ladies Night

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island  
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach  
THE HOODOOS, 6-9 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 17

AJ’S, Destin  
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACKBERRY BREEZE (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM  
SUPERFACED, 8 PM-Midnight

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 PM

EMERALD COAST CONVENTION CENTER, Okaloosa Island  
ANIMANIACS LIVE! IN CONCERT, 7 PM  
Tickets are \$29.50 and up at SinfoniaGulfCoast.org. Emmy winners Randy Rogel and Rob Paulsen team up with Sinfonia to perform songs from Steven Spielberg’s hit show.

FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING  
THE PICKLED PICKERS, 6-8 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650  
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach  
JACK GRAHAM, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JETTY EAST, Destin  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

LAH REAL ESTATE, Santa Rosa Beach  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 5-7 PM  
Shrimp Boil

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin  
LANG HOLLOMAN DUO, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside  
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com  
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SEASCAPE TOWNE CENTER EVENTS STAGE, Miramar Beach  
CATALYST, 5- 9 PM

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin  
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ & WINE BAR, Shalimar  
JUSTIN ROGERS, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola  
GRAYSON CAPPS, 6 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 18

AJ’S, Destin  
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACKBERRY BREEZE (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach  
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM  
THE HOODOOS, 8 PM-Midnight

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin  
GUNNER, 8 PM

THE BOATYARD BAR & GRILL, Pensacola  
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 8 PM-Midnight

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach  
ORCHID ELECTRIC – ANALOGUE COLLECTIVE – LOYAL CUSTOMERS, 4 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650  
THE SHAKEDOWN, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach  
DAVID GAUTREAU, 4 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin  
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach  
DIKI ROSS, 6-9 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

3RD PLANET BREWING CO. MOTHERSHIP, Niceville  
CATALYST, 7-10 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola  
RUMOURS: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute

SUNDAY, MAY 19

AJ’S, Destin  
JONES AND COMPANY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
JB DYESS, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com  
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach  
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

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# Live Music

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach**  
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,**  
**850-424-6650**  
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, Destin**  
SINFONIA YOUTH ORCHESTRA, 3 PM  
*FREE!*

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
ROB ROMANS, 4 PM

**LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach**  
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM  
*Sunday Funday*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
**lulubuffett.com/destin**  
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 PM

**STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,**  
**Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

## MONDAY, MAY 20

**AJ’S, Destin**  
WILL & LINDA, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
JASON CLARK, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
ROSHAMBO, 9 PM-1 AM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,**  
**850-424-6650**  
A Celebration of Life for Beachcomber Editor CHRIS MANSON with DONNIE MORGAN – MARC HARRIS AND JAB WILSON – RUST & GOLD – Q’WERTY – FINGA FAYA – and More, Starting at 6:30 PM...*hey, guys, I’M STILL ALIVE!!*

**GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach**  
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
**lulubuffett.com/destin**  
KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

**ROSEMARY BEACH**  
ALL THAT AND A BAG OF CHIPS, 6:30 PM  
*’90s Music*

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,**  
**Okaloosa Island**  
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola**  
THE DRUMS

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JACOB MOHR, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
CHASING JAYMIE, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

**AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR,**  
**Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**  
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 3:30-7:30 PM  
*Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 7:30.*

**CAMILLE’S, Destin,**  
**CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com**  
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin,**  
**850-424-6650**  
SIMPLY D’VYNE, 7 PM

**HOG’S BREATH, Destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

**LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com**  
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM  
*Taco Tuesday*

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
**lulubuffett.com/destin**  
STICKY TOO, 5 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

**SUPERIOR RESIDENCES, Niceville**  
CLINT HALL, 3:30 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

**30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,**  
**Santa Rosa Beach**  
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

**AJ’S, Destin**  
JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4-8 PM (Bimini Stage)  
JACOB MOHR, 6-10 PM (Tiki Stage)  
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

**AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach**  
JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

**AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR,**  
**Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM**  
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM

**850 CRAFT BAR, Fort Walton Beach**  
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

**FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,**  
**850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

**FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650**  
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

**GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach**  
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

**GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach**  
DRU CARTER, 4 PM

**HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL,**  
**Rosemary Beach**  
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

**LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,**  
**lulubuffett.com/destin**  
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

**THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach**  
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

**REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com**  
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

**RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,**  
**RuthsChrisDestin.com**  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

**SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach**  
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com**  
LAUREN ST. JANE, 7-9 PM  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

# Chris Manson

# Appreciation Night

## May 20 Starts at 6:30 PM

Musicians and Friends. We are having a **Chris Manson Appreciation Concert** here at The Funky Blues Shack. Everyone knows Chris and everything he has done and continues to do for local music, entertainment, dining, activities, and more. We invite you to come out and show your support for Chris. Funky's will be giving Chris 20% of proceeds for that night.

### NO COVER CHARGE



**Donnie Morgan Solo**

**Mark Harris/**

**Jab Wilson Duo**

*Bands*

**Rust & Gold**

**Qwerty**

**Finga F A YA**



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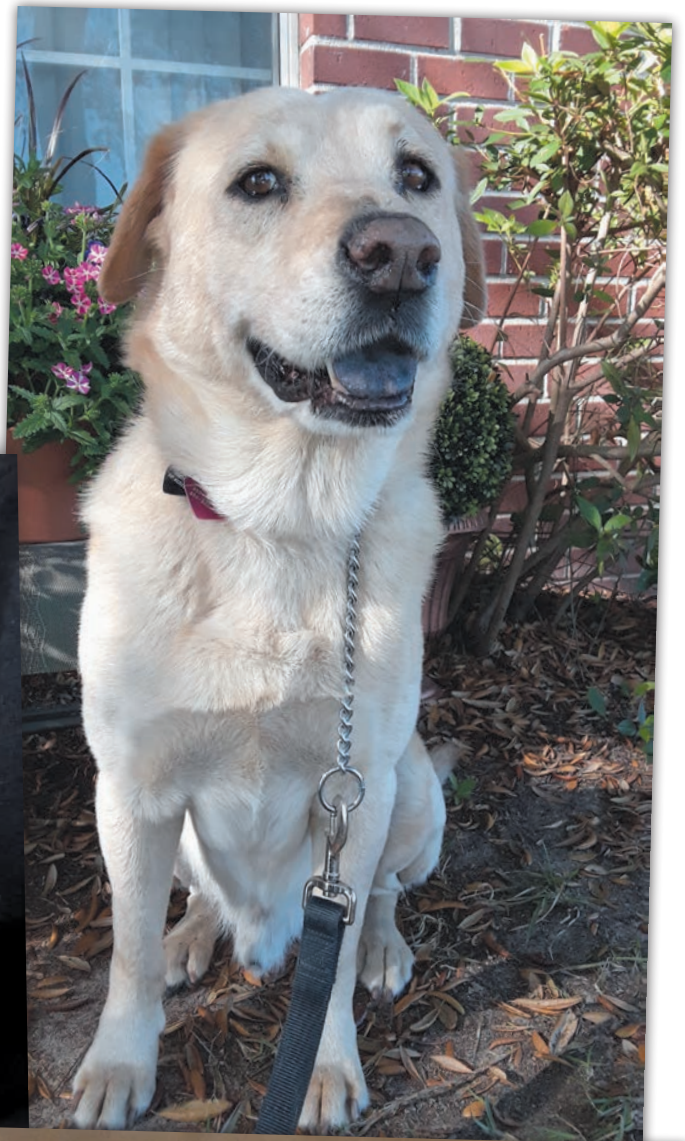
## Rocket Rush the Rescue Dog

*Submitted by Rebecca and Craig Rush*

*"Rocket is an animal adoption advocate and activist against the puppy mills, as well as a heartworm positive shelter dog who is now the love of our life!" Ms. Rush tells Beachcomber.*

*Rocket has his own Facebook page with 2,600 followers...so far. He donates food to local shelters and raises awareness about the need for donations and rescue volunteers.*

*We are proud to feature Rocket Rush the Rescue Dog as our Pet of the Issue.*



**The many faces of  
Rocket Rush.**

*Submit your best friend(s)  
for a future Pet of the Issue  
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beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).*







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# NWF Theatre Festival Show Schedule



## THURSDAY, MAY 16:

**6:00 PM**  
**UNDER THE BIG TOP**  
Aerial Dance Panama City  
*Aerial Dance Panama City is proud to present the "Under The Big Top" Be our guest as we transform the Big Top With amazing aerialists flying through the air.*

**7:00 PM**  
**"CONVIVIAL ECCENTRICITY" MORE POEMS FOR PEOPLE WHO HATE POETRY!**  
The Live Bard  
*Is modern poetry too obscure? Too convoluted? Too perplexing? If so, then join The Live Bard as he tells stories and recites poems in which all can find amusement, solace, or insight.*

**8:30 PM**  
**THE TUPELO HONIES BURLESQUE REVUE**  
The Tupelo Honies  
*Offering modern burlesque with a Southern Flair, The Tupelo Honies perform all around the Southeast with their unique blend of dance, comedy, variety and games.*



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**7:00 PM**  
**COLLECTED STORIES BY DONALD MARGULIES**  
Kayla May and Kerry Sandell  
*This smart play explores the complex dynamic between a celebrated writer and her talented grad student. They evolve into confidantes, friends, and ultimately, rivals.*

**9:00 PM**  
**LAUGH-LINES & STRETCH-MARKS™**  
Hyphen Up  
*Laugh-Lines & Stretch-Marks™ is a hilarious stand-up comedy show for women, moms & couples of all ages needing a break from the things that keep us up at night.*

## SATURDAY, MAY 18:

**3:00PM**  
**THE STRUGGLES**  
ECTC Junior Thespian Troupe #89447  
*This award-winning, poignant drama centers around Megan, a young girl coping with the learning challenges associated with dyslexia and ADD. She encounters the personification of her struggles in a dream-like world, where her journey provides a realistic look at the burden of being a student with learning differences. It's a world filled with embarrassing read-alouds, late papers, missed assignments and forgotten homework. As her struggles reveal their true nature, we are left with an uplifting look at the unique strengths these individuals possess.*

**4:15 PM**  
**EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE**  
ECTC Junior Thespian Troupe #89447  
*Seven strangers meet in a train station. Instead of luggage, they all carry their "emotional baggage." This unique play is based solely on action and has no dialogue. The play focuses on non-verbal storytelling through mask and movement. They must confront themselves and one another. Everybody carries emotional baggage with them. What's yours?*

**5:30 PM**  
**WINSTON CHURCHILL: THROUGH THE STORM**  
House of Monkeys  
*WINSTON CHURCHILL: THROUGH THE STORM: Prime Minister Winston Churchill reminisces about his life. Moving back and forth from past to present, Churchill recalls his worst and finest hours.*

**7:00 PM**  
**WIND IN THE WILLOWS**  
ECTC TYA  
*Join Mole as he introduces you to his friends; amiable Ratty, wise Badger and infamous Mr. Toad. Together they tell action-packed stories of boating on the river, adventuring in the Wild Wood, battling weasels at Toad Hall and a few mishaps with motor cars. This new look at Kenneth Grahame's classic tale is inventive and fantastically funny.*

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**9:15 PM**  
**JASON & JESSICA'S COMEDY CABARET**  
Jaboodle Productions  
*Come spend an hour with these two clowns. Comedy, music, juggling and more!*

## SUNDAY, MAY 19:

**2:00PM**  
**WIND IN THE WILLOWS**  
ECTC TYA  
*Join Mole as he introduces you to his friends; amiable Ratty, wise Badger and infamous Mr. Toad. Together they tell action-packed stories of boating on the river, adventuring in the Wild Wood, battling weasels at Toad Hall and a few mishaps with motor cars. This new look at Kenneth Grahame's classic tale is inventive and fantastically funny.*

**3:45 PM**  
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**6:00 PM**  
**KYLE: NOW STREAMING**  
Dengerud and Company  
*A play about millennial couple Kyle and Karen who undergo the strangest hurdle of their relationship once the newly invented advanced A.I. Jessica is introduced to their home.*

**7:30 PM**  
**JASON & JESSICA'S COMEDY CABARET**  
Jaboodle Productions  
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Performances will be at  
**560 Grand Blvd, upstairs.**

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# NWF Theatre Festival Show Listings

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY SHOW TITLE

## COLLECTED STORIES BY DONALD MARGULIES

Kayla May and Kerry Sandell

This smart, compelling play explores the dynamic relationship between a celebrated writer and her ambitious student. As the women grow and change, the ultimate conflict revolves around the issues of privacy, intellectual property, and betrayal. "Kerry and Kayla confidently inhabited their characters as they led us through this powerful play. Their performances were intelligent and poignant" (Christine Kellogg, Pen Arts)

**Show Rating:** 13 and up  
**Show Includes:** Strong language  
**Running Time:** 100 Minutes  
**Genre:** Drama  
[facebook.com/sojournertheatreco](https://www.facebook.com/sojournertheatreco)  
**Friday, May 17th at 7:00pm, \$15**

## "CONVIVIAL ECCENTRICITY" MORE POEMS FOR PEOPLE WHO HATE POETRY!

The Live Bard

For the past fourteen years, Peter Thomas has traveled the country, from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes, appearing before audiences as "The Live Bard", giving dramatic recitations of classic works of "narrative verse," — poems that tell a story.

For this upcoming performance, this "affable iconoclast" will recite venerated tales of fanciful humor as well as those that offer insight into the human condition. He may lampoon a modern poet or two and will include some of his own "narrative verse with an attitude."

**Show Rating:** 13 and up  
**Show Includes:** Age Restriction  
**Running Time:** 60+ Minutes  
**Genre:** Spoken Word  
[www.livebard.com](http://www.livebard.com)  
**Thursday, May 16 at 7:00pm, \$20**

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**Show Rating:** all ages  
**Running Time:** 40 Minutes  
**Genre:** Dramedy/Experimental  
<https://www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org/junior-thespian-troupe>  
**Saturday, May 18 at 4:15 pm and Sunday, May 19th at 5:00 pm, \$15**

## JASON AND JESSICA'S COMEDY CABARET

Jaboodle Productions

Come spend an hour with these two clowns. Comedy, music, juggling and more! They both wanted to do a solo show, but that sounded like too much work, so they joined forces to bring you lots of laughs. He juggles and keeps it clean. She drops everything and swears like a longshoreman. The result is a hilarious hour of comedy.

**Show Rating:** 13 and up  
**Show includes:** Age restriction, Sexual themes, Strong language  
**Running Time:** 60 minutes  
**Genre:** Comedy  
[www.facebook.com/jugglingwithjason](https://www.facebook.com/jugglingwithjason) and [www.facebook.com/jessicashillstandup](https://www.facebook.com/jessicashillstandup)  
**Saturday, May 18th at 9:15 pm and Sunday, May 19th at 7:30 pm, \$15**

## KYLE: NOW STREAMING

Dengerud and Company

Kyle: Now Streaming takes place in the home of millennial couple Kyle and Karen. The two have been struggling to communicate and Kyle's programming career has begun to take off. He has just invented a highly advanced Artificially Intelligent House Assistant named Jessica and, to Karen's dismay, is about to go on tour to introduce Jessica to the world. When Jessica tries to help their relationship, she ends up turning their lives upside down. Now, Kyle is farther from Karen than ever before. Can she accept this and move on? Or will she cling to the Kyle that's left behind?

**Show Rating:** 18 and up  
**Show includes:** Strong Language and Sexual Themes  
**Running Time:** 60-80 Minutes  
**Genre:** Comedy  
<https://www.facebook.com/Kyle-Now-Streaming>  
**Sunday, May 19th at 6:00 pm, \$15**

## LAUGH-LINES & STRETCH-MARKS™

Hyphen Up

Laugh-Lines & Stretch-Marks™ is a hilarious and wildly-popular stand-up show for women, moms & couples of all ages needing a break from the things that keep us at night: like dating, parenting, Pinterest, the PTA, marriage, millennials and getting older. This show, produced and hosted by Heather Tolley-Bauer, and features Atlanta's funniest millennial & senior citizen comics, Katherine Blanford & Chesta Drake.

**Show Rating:** 18 and up  
**Running Time:** 60 Minutes  
**Genre:** Stand Up Comedy showcase  
[hyphenup.com](http://hyphenup.com)  
**Friday, May 17th at 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 18 at 8:15 pm, \$25**

## THE STRUGGLES

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**Show Rating:** all ages  
**Running Time:** 40 Minutes  
**Genre:** Drama  
<https://www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org/junior-thespian-troupe>  
**Saturday, May 18th at 3:00 pm; Sunday, May 19th at 3:45pm, \$15**





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**Show Rating:** 18+  
**Show Includes:** Sexual themes  
**Running Time:** 75 Minutes  
**Genre:** Burlesque  
[www.facebook.com/tupelohonies](http://www.facebook.com/tupelohonies)  
**Thursday, May 16th at 8:30 pm, \$15**

## UNDER THE BIG TOP

Aerial Dance Panama City

The family of Aerial Dance Panama City is proud to present "Under The Big Top". Be our guest as we transform into exquisite, old circus style. Be amazed as aerialists fly through the air. Our Junior Performance Company, Varsity Performance Company, and our Aerial Teen Performance Company come together for a spectacular show.

Don't miss the premiere production of "Under The big Top"!

**Show Rating:** All ages  
**Running Time:** 45 Minutes  
**Genre:** Aerial Arts  
[www.Facebook.com/aerialdancepc](http://www.Facebook.com/aerialdancepc)  
**Thursday, May 16th at 6:00pm, \$15**

## WIND IN THE WILLOWS

ECTC TYA

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**Show rating:** 6 and up  
**Running Time:** 75 minutes  
**Genre:** Classic comedy  
<https://www.emeraldcoasttheatre.org/on-stage>  
**Saturday, May 18th at 7:00pm and Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 pm, \$15**

## WINSTON CHURCHILL: THROUGH THE STORM

House of Monkeys

WINSTON CHURCHILL: THROUGH THE STORM takes place late in the evening of July 23, 1945. The setting is Potsdam, Germany, site of a summit conference of the victorious Allies following the defeat of Nazi Germany. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill has just hosted a banquet for U.S. President Harry Truman and Soviet Generalissimo Josef Stalin. He is about to return to England to learn the results of a parliamentary election which will determine whether or not he will return to the conference as Britain's war leader and help plan both the defeat of Japan and the balance of power in the post-war world. Over brandy and cigars he reminisces about his personal and public life, the war, and the possible future. Moving back and forth from past to present, between his chair and a podium representing his place in the House of Commons, Churchill recalls his worst and finest hours.

**Show Rating:** 7 and up  
**Running Time:** 75 Minutes  
**Genre:** Historical  
[www.brucecollier.com](http://www.brucecollier.com)  
**Saturday, May 18th at 5:30pm, \$25**



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Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your May 23 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, May 16, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

THURSDAY, MAY 9

CONTRACTORS CONNECT NETWORKING EVENT

AJ's, Destin, 5:30-7:30 PM  
[Contractors-connect.com](http://Contractors-connect.com)

This month's meetup is presented in partnership with the Building Industry Association of Okaloosa & Walton Counties. Cost to attend is \$10 and includes one draft beer, light appetizers, and opportunities to win in multiple giveaways.

GULFVIEW HOTEL GRAND OPENING

Fort Walton Beach, 5:30-8 PM

[FWB.org](http://FWB.org)  
The event includes a ribbon cutting for the relocated and renovated Gulfview Hotel, messages from local officials, live music, self-guided tours of the historic building and more.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM  
850-689-5850  
Locally grown produce and more.

SPANISH WINE PAIRING DINNER

Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar  
850-651-5100  
Cost is \$45 per person. Reservations required.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: ORANGE THEORY FIT CAMP

The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 9 AM  
[TheMarketShops.com](http://TheMarketShops.com)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEER HEALTH NETWORK THIRD ANNUAL SMILE MILE AND 5K

WaterColor, Santa Rosa Beach



Photo by Jackie Ward.

This year, the CVHN expects up to 600 racers, and the all-ages, stroller-friendly event will raise funds to improve the health and well being of children in Walton and Okaloosa counties. Register at [cvhnkids.org](http://cvhnkids.org). Participation fees start at \$15.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM  
[GrandBoulevard.com](http://GrandBoulevard.com)

MARINELLA MONK BOOK SIGNING

1835 Porch Bar, Dewey Destin's Harborside, Destin, 2 PM



Local real estate pro Gail Pelto was recently appointed to the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's board of directors. "Gail will provide fresh insight...as we continue to build the foundation of arts and culture in our community," says MKAF board chairman Heather Ruiz. Learn more at [MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org](http://MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org).

Photo submitted by Shantelle Dedicke.

# Memorial Day

at the village of baytowne wharf

**Monday**  
**May 27**  
**7-9pm**  
**Memorial Day Program**  
**Presented by: Sandestin Veterans**

**Sunday**  
**May 26**  
**6-9pm**  
**Kids games & Facepainting**  
**7-9pm**  
**Live Music by: Coconut Radio**

**Saturday**  
**May 25**  
**7-9pm**  
**Live music by: Forrest Williams Band**

**9:15pm Fireworks**

#BaytowneWharf

The Village of BAYTOWNE WHARF at SANDESTIN



# Events

## MY BUDDY: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF A TALENTED SOUL

*FUBAR, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM*

Ten bands perform in tribute to the late great **Buddy Brumit**. Suggested donation of \$20. Plus raffle prizes.

## OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

*Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM*

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## SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

*Seaside, 8 AM*

[SeasideFL.com](http://SeasideFL.com)

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

*Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, 10 AM-2 PM and 11 AM-2 PM*

850-424-0621

A memorable meal for mom in the Grande Vista Bar Grill. Cost is \$29 for adults, \$14 for kids. Call for reservations.

## 30A FARMERS MARKET

*Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM*

Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

## MONDAY, MAY 13

### FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: PURE BARRE

*The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 5:30 PM*  
[TheMarketShops.com](http://TheMarketShops.com)

## TUESDAY, MAY 14

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FUNDRAISER FOR JOEL IRAL

*Ruth's Chris Steak House, Destin, 6-9 PM*

[GoFundMe.com/JoelIral](http://GoFundMe.com/JoelIral)

Ruth's Chris Steak House at Silver Shells Resort and Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q invite the community, loyal patrons and guests to a Celebration of Life fundraiser for Joel Iral, a longtime employee of both restaurants who was killed in a vehicle-involved scooter accident in March.

Originally from the Philippines, Mr. Iral worked for Jim 'N Nicks for the past 10 years. He also worked at Ruth's Chris in the evenings. He is survived by five children, his wife, two brothers, mother and father, all of whom live in the Philippines, and a sister who lives in England. Mr. Iral worked two jobs in order to support not only himself, but also all of his family members back in his home country.

One hundred percent of the money donated and raised through the live and silent auctions will be used to bring Mr. Iral's body back to the Philippines and to help pay for his children's college educations, something he dedicated his life to doing. Currently, two of his children are enrolled in college while the other three have already graduated.

Mr. Iral is fondly remembered for his friendly nature, warm smile and authentic Filipino cooking, something he made for the Ruth's Chris staff when they had "family meals" every Thursday night before service. He was also named Employee of the Month at Ruth's Chris in 2018, but instead of using the awarded gift certificate for himself, he gave it to a friend who had never eaten at the restaurant.

The fundraiser is free to attend and open to the public. Guests are invited to stop by and enjoy complimentary *hors d'oeuvres* by both Ruth's Chris and Jim 'N Nick's, a silent auction, and live music by **Michael J Thomas**.

Donations will be accepted throughout the night and can also be dropped off at Ruth's Chris and Jim 'N Nicks Bar-B-Q. Area businesses interested in donating auction items are asked to email [Jessica@proffittpr.com](mailto:Jessica@proffittpr.com) or call 850-460-7777.

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

### LADIES' NIGHT

*Camille's at Crystal Beach, Destin*

[www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com](http://www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com)

Half off drinks for the ladies! Two bucks off sushi rolls!

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

### BUBBLY BAYTOWNE

*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-7 PM*

[BaytowneWharf.com](http://BaytowneWharf.com)

FREE champagne for 21 and older. Sip and shop!

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### SACRED HEART FOUNDATION BLACK TIE GALA

*Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, 6:30 PM*

[Sacredheartemeraldball.com](http://Sacredheartemeraldball.com)

Benefiting the expansion of the Comprehensive Spine Program at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast. Wear shades of emerald for an elegant evening of dining and dancing. Plus—live music by **Bay Bridge Band**, a live painting by South Walton Artist of the Year **Jenna Varney**, and a wine and bourbon pull. Individual tickets are \$150 each; limited number of VIP tickets available.

## SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

*Seaside, 8 AM*

[SeasideFL.com](http://SeasideFL.com)

### SECOND ANNUAL HOG BASH / TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Back Beach Barbecue, Panama City Beach, 1-4 PM*  
[BackBeachBarbecue.com](http://BackBeachBarbecue.com)

Enjoy two whole hog roasts, live music from **Chip Lyons**, giveaways, and refreshments from local breweries. For \$15, get a pork-filled plate, barbecue baked beans, and cole slaw. A portion of the proceeds will benefit **South Walton Academy**.

## SIP & SCIENCE: '90S EDITON

*Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 PM*

[ECScience.org](http://ECScience.org)



Caring and Sharing of South Walton currently seeks summer volunteers to help with sorting donations, organizing and working with customers in the warehouse and boutique, packing bags in the food pantry and various other tasks. Three-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday, starting at 9 AM and noon. Email [caringsharingssowal@gmail.com](mailto:caringsharingssowal@gmail.com) or call 850-267-2866.

*Photo submitted by Carly Harmer.*

Bring your friends (21 and older please), grab a drink, and unleash your inner scientist. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for EC Science Center members) at [sip-and-science.eventbrite.com](http://sip-and-science.eventbrite.com).

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

### MAC & CHEESE FESTIVAL

*Destin Commons,*

Hosted by the **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast**, this new event features gourmet chef-inspired twists on the South's favorite comfort food. Samples will be available for \$1 each day of event or pre-purchase a bundle of 20 at [850tix.com/events/mac-cheese-festival](http://850tix.com/events/mac-cheese-festival). All proceeds benefit the BGCEC.

## 30A FARMERS MARKET

*Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM*

Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

## MONDAY, MAY 20

### HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY

*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 PM*

[BaytowneWharf.com](http://BaytowneWharf.com)

Fly-board extraordinaire **Ben Merrell** soars over the lagoon.

## MONTHLY WINE TASTING

*Twisted Grape Café & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6-8 PM*

850-651-5100

Plus live music with **Alexa Burroughs**.

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[TheMarketShops.com](http://TheMarketShops.com)

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

### BOOMIN' TUESDAYS

*The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 PM*

[BaytowneWharf.com](http://BaytowneWharf.com)

Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

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# Beachside Worship Services

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**DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Sundays – 7:30 AM beach services at Henderson Beach State Park; Crab Trap, Destin; Crab Trap, Okaloosa Island Boardwalk. Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at 9 AM. Contemporary Xalt service at 10:30 AM in the Destin Life Center. Traditional service in the Sanctuary at 11 AM. Sunset beach service at Henderson Beach State Park, 5:30 PM. **DestinUMC.org.**

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN** Sunday bible study at 9:15 AM, worship service at 10:30 AM, prayer group at 5 PM Wednesday supper at 6 PM, followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE** Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

**GATHERING** 151 Eglin Pkwy NE, Fort Walton Beach. **comegather.com.**

**GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Sunday services 8:45 AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

**HOPE ON THE BEACH** Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information,

call 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.**

**ISLAMIC DA AWA CENTER OF FWB** 6 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-0373, **lavidaeterna.org.**

**KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES** 216 Jonquil Avenue NW, Fort Walton Beach.

**MOSSY HEAD CHURCH OF CHRIST** 657 Deshazo Road, Crestview, 850-951-0434, **mossyheadchurchofchrist.com.**

**NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST** Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH** Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

**SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

**SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH** Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

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# You Could Judge a Book by Its Cover, But...

By Bill Herrin

**There are average** libraries in almost every town. Let's just say that Destin doesn't have one of those libraries. The Destin Library is a beehive of activity, ideas, proactive programs, instructive training, and outright community support, with a dash of creative spark. Sure, it's a reader's paradise, but that's just the beginning.

When I pulled into the parking lot, I was already impressed. Long twisting branches of gorgeous live oaks gently waving in the breeze, as they shadowed the beautifully cultivated flowerbeds. Immaculate landscaping, benches galore, and then there's the library itself.

After meandering toward the front doors, I met none other than Mark Twain, who's been known to write a book or two. He's perched with his left arm across the back of a bench...a tailor-made selfie spot. In the olden days, it would have been called a Kodak moment, or maybe a Polaroid pit stop.

The entranceway, with its compass-like inlaid marble floor design, is impressive, the staff is friendly and eager to help, and despite the high ceilings and an amazing array of spaces, it feels like home. The building opened at this location on St. Patrick's Day 2003 and is beautifully maintained.

The original library was started in the 1930s by the Zerbe family and was situated in a single room at the Destin Presbyterian Church. From there, a library building was built—that building now houses the Destin History & Fishing Museum on Stahlman Avenue. The periodicals/reading area hosts a wonderful display of vintage books (The Zerbe Collection) from the historic days of the library's humble beginnings.

Meeting with library director **Wen Livingston**, I was not only given a tour of the facilities but an eyeful of all the things they offer. I continued to be amazed as the tour progressed. This library offers a children's library, an adult reading area, teen reading area, study rooms, a media lab that provides access to recording and editing equipment (including a green screen for video), a computer workstation with full access to Adobe Creative Suite applications, and more.

There are audiobooks, e-books (you download them, and they

automatically return themselves digitally), magazines, digital magazines, a designated computer terminal just for use to research genealogy on Ancestry.com, more computers for internet access, and a computer lab set up for use as an instructional/training area.

You can sign out DVD movies (Blu-ray, too) and video games (including Nintendo Switch games), and there are plans to have a space for teens to play video games on location. Ms. Livingston says, "It's a credit to the city that they've dedicated the resources to make this available for everyone." She also shares that library card holders have free access to [www.lynda.com](http://www.lynda.com), an online learning resource that has recently partnered with LinkedIn.com.

The library is owned by the city and works in cooperation with other libraries in Okaloosa County, providing access to books (and more) between the different locations. Okaloosa County residents can get a library card for free, as well as active military or employees of Okaloosa County or the city of Destin. Anyone that lives outside Okaloosa County can access the Destin Library for just \$36 a year.

**Megan Fontaine**, an administrative assistant at the library, wears more than a few hats. Besides facilitating classes in the computer lab, she works with the teen reading club, teaches teens to write computer code to invent and develop their own apps (in Scratch, a free programming language developed at MIT), and more. She shared about plans for a moon gazing event coming up in June, as well as a stargazing event in July, at a nearby park.

The events will feature telescopes, and some surprise visitors—a Stormtrooper group, complete with their dark (or is it Darth?) leader, Mr. Vader. These events are for all ages, and families are welcome. You can find out more on the library website (listed at the end of this article). Megan also shared about a wealth of summer activities, including some three-week "code camps," including Python in June, Scratch in July, and Lego Robotics in August.

Since libraries exist to impart knowledge, I departed with way more than I had expected. The library has a spacious meeting room and features guest speakers on a regular basis, they have a roster of volunteers (of all



Library director Wen Livingston, Mark Twain, administrative assistant Megan Fontaine, and Will Rogers (References and Youth Services Librarian, Ret.).

ages) that even include Snowbirds, and they have a "work day" on the third Tuesday of each month. On the second Tuesday of each month, the Destin Garden Club meets there, and they also are credited for maintaining the landscaping of the grounds.

They also have begun an "artist of the month" display, featuring artwork throughout the library, and yes, it is available to purchase. They also sponsor free monthly "family friendly" movie screenings (projected onto the wall).

"It's a busy place," says Ms. Livingston. "It's a beehive. It's a place for people to come together, and they're not expected to buy something. Just enjoy it. The people that work and volunteer here are dedicated to help and serve the community."

I also was able to speak with **Will Rogers**, the References and Youth Services Librarian. Will hails from New York and started volunteering as a children's storyteller sixteen years ago. He pointed out how the library does outreach for the Boys & Girls Club, as well as mobilizing volunteers of all ages. Since many high schoolers

need volunteer credits as a graduation requirement, the library benefits from their time there. (**Editor's Note:** After many years of service, Mr. Rogers retired on May 3.)

The Miss Willie Mae Room is just for kids and is the crown jewel of the library. Within its high walls, you are completely surrounded by a gorgeous underwater-themed mural. I was very impressed—I can only imagine what children must think of it. The room features storytellers, book readings and more. Over 30,000 kids have visited this area, and for good reason. It's cool!

There's also an open area for children to sit and read in the main open library space, surrounded by bookshelves...a great little nook to read a book.

You may not be able to judge a book by its cover, but you can definitely judge a town by its library. Destin has something truly special.

Follow the library's Facebook page, visit their website at [www.cityofdestin.com/105/Library](http://www.cityofdestin.com/105/Library), or call 850-837-8572 for more information. The library is located at 150 Sibert Avenue.



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## EDUCATIONAL

**EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER** A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. [www.ecscience.org](http://www.ecscience.org).

## FARMERS MARKETS

**30A FARMERS MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 AM-1 PM Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 AM-1 PM

## GOLF

**REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. [www.regattabay.com](http://www.regattabay.com).

**SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB** Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. [www.santarosacub.com](http://www.santarosacub.com).

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## MUSEUMS

**DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM** Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

**INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM** Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

## MUSIC STORES

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## PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

**BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK** Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

**BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK** NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH** Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

**BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK** Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

**CAMP HELEN STATE PARK** offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

**CESSNA BAY** Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

**CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK** This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

**ED WALLINE** A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

**EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK** An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 AM with the last tour at 3 PM The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 AM to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

**GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA** Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

**GRAYTON DUNES** Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

**GULF SHORE MANOR** Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

**GULFVIEW HEIGHTS** Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

**HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK** This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

**INLET BEACH** This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

**LEGION BAY** Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

**MARLER MEMORIAL PARK** Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

**MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS** Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

**TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK** offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk, or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. [www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill](http://www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill).

## TUMBLING, ETC.

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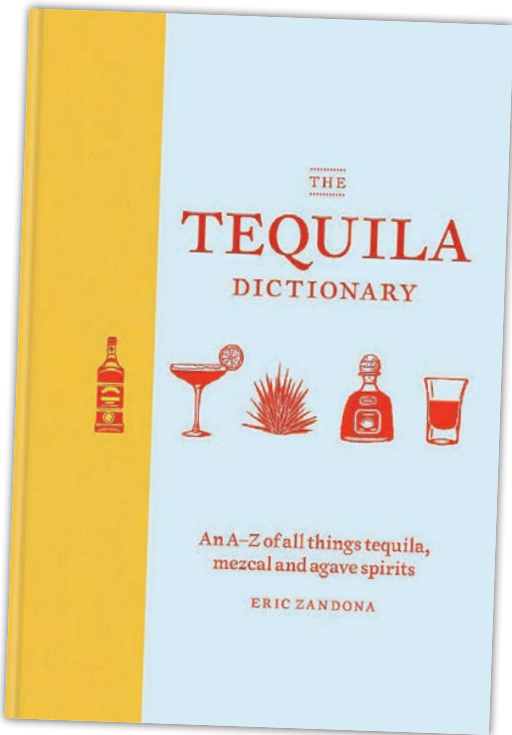
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Recommended Reading

**Eric Zandona**  
*The Tequila Dictionary*  
Mitchell Beazley  
Eric Zandona's *The Tequila Dictionary* is a must for anyone looking to take a serious, Margaritaville- and Designer Desperado-free look at Mexico's national treasure. Like the title says, it's organized alphabetically, but notes and cross-references are accessible by link (I have it on iBooks), so you can take detailed side-trips without losing your train of thought. There are biographies of distillers, easily understood technical descriptions, even some mini-reviews of selected labels. The latter was little unusual, since it was not all-inclusive, and I don't know why some made the cut and others didn't. Still, that would have entailed a Tequila Encyclopedia.

- Bruce Collier



EDITOR'S CHOICE – THREE TO READ RIGHT NOW

**Candice Fox, *Redemption Point*.** An ex-cop wrongfully accused of molesting a young girl tries to rebuild his life, which isn't easy when the girl's father still thinks you're guilty and knows where you live. And the only people on your side are the local gangsters. And your closest friend is an honest-to-gosh murderer sidelining as a detective—she's one of the most eccentric (and endearing) characters of the year.

**Dave Barry, *Lessons from Lucy: The Simple Joys of an Old, Happy Dog*.** The life lessons Mr. Barry shares allow plenty of room for the 70-year-old author's laugh-out-loud observations about things that all generations can relate to. But I wasn't prepared for the devastating epilogue, and you won't be either. The audiobook is narrated by Mr. Barry—recommended, and cheaper than the hardcover.

**Harlan Coben, *Run Away*.** Mr. Coben demonstrates once again why he's the grand master of the modern thriller. At least until the new Linwood Barclay comes out.

- Chris Manson



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Upcoming Books

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Ethan Mordden, *On Streisand: An Opinionated Guide*
- MAY 13  
Ken Coleman, *The Proximity Principle: The Proven Strategy That Will Lead to a Career You Love*
- MAY 14  
Randy Travis, *Forever and Ever, Amen: A Memoir of Music, Faith, and Braving the Storms of Life.*  
With Ken Abraham.
- MAY 16  
David M. Greene, *Buy, Rehab, Rent, Refinance, Repeat.* Paperback.
- MAY 17  
Shirin Shamsi, *Laila and the Sands of Time.* Paperback.
- MAY 21  
Chris Charlesworth and Mike McInerney, *Tommy at 50: The Mood, the Music, the Look, and the Legacy of The Who's Legendary Rock Opera.*  
Foreword by Pete Townshend.  
Thomas Harris, *Cari Mora: A Novel*  
Jerry Hsu, *The Beautiful Flower Is the World*  
Marc R. Levin, *Unfreedom of the Press*  
Sources: Amazon.com, Pauseandplay.com

Book Clubs

- TUESDAY, MAY 14  
BOOK LOVERS CLUB  
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 AM  
850-267-2809  
The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month through May 2019. No registration required, and all interested parties are welcome. This season's list includes Christina Baker Kline's *A Piece of the World*, Kristen Hannah's *The Great Alone*, John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charlie*, Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*, Celeste Ng's *Little Fires Everywhere*, David Grann's *Killing of the Flower Moon*, Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*, Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*, and Helen Simonson's *The Summer Before the War*.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 15  
ALL ABOUT BOOKS  
Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM  
850-243-5731
- THURSDAY, MAY 16  
ADSO BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP  
The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM  
artsdesignsociety.org  
The discussion is based on Steven Pressfield's *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles*. Anyone interested in talking about creativity is welcome.
- THURSDAY, MAY 23  
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB  
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# Hulu's Must-See Foray into True Crime

## The Act

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Hulu hits it out of the park with its true crime miniseries following the lives of Dee Dee Blanchard and her (seemingly) chronically ill daughter Gypsy Rose. Although a few side characters have been created to help the story along, *The Act* is a painfully accurate retelling of unchecked mental illness.

Patricia Arquette and Joey King are remarkable in their roles as the Blanchards. And Nick Antosca and his team weave their story at an emotionally wrecking pace. No one is clearly painted as the villain—instead, they are the products of nature and nurture gone wrong.

That's what makes *The Act* special. It leads to conversations about toxic people, narcissism and manipulation. It shines a light on the dark areas that we want to dismiss. It pulls through threads of how fantasy can become unhealthy obsessions, whether it is the Blanchards' Disneyfication of life or Gypsy Rose's constant wish for a perfect Prince Charming.

Inside the Blanchards' pink house, placed in a quiet subdivision, heinous abuse was continually taking place—abuse that created such a desperate desire for freedom that a blood-soaked road was chosen as the viable exit.



*The Act* handles the heavy content without holding punches or rose-coloring its characters' suffering.

- Nikki Hedrick

### OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

#### MAY 10

**The Hustle.** Anne Hathaway, Rebel Wilson.

**Pokemon Detective Pikachu**

**Poms.** Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Pam Grier, Rhea Perlman.

**Tolkien.** An exploration of the beloved author's formative years.

#### MAY 17

**A Dog's Journey.** Dennis Quaid, dogs.

**John Wick, Chapter 3 – Parabellum.** Keanu Reeves against an army of hit men.

Source: Metacritic.com

### LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14

**FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH**

*Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 7 PM*

**ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIE NIGHT**

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#### TUESDAY, MAY 21

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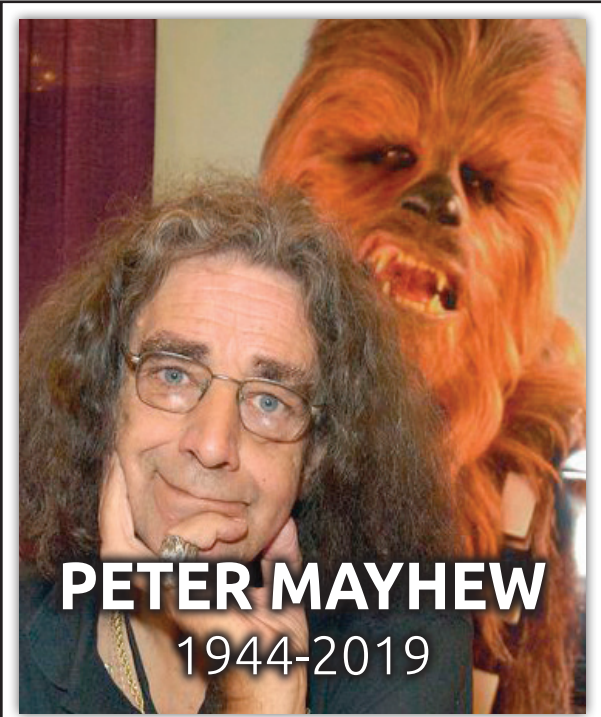
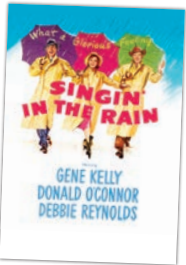
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### UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

#### MAY 10

**Sneaky Pete.** Our favorite con man returns for Season 3 on Amazon.

**Wine Country.** Amy Poehler directs and stars in the Netflix comedy. With Maya Rudolph, Rachel Dratch, Ana Gasteyer, Paula Pell, Emily Spivey and Tina Fey.

#### MAY 14

**Apollo 11.** Acclaimed documentary pieced together from newly discovered footage and thousands of hours of audio recordings.

**Birds of Passage.** Jose Acosta, Carmina Martinez.

**Cold Pursuit.** Liam Neeson, Laura Dern.

**Fighting with My Family.** Dwayne Johnson, Vince Vaughn, Aqueela Zoll.

**Happy Death Day 2U.** Jessica Rothe.

#### MAY 22

**How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World**

**The Upside.** Bryan Cranston, Kevin Hart.

Source: Metacritic.com

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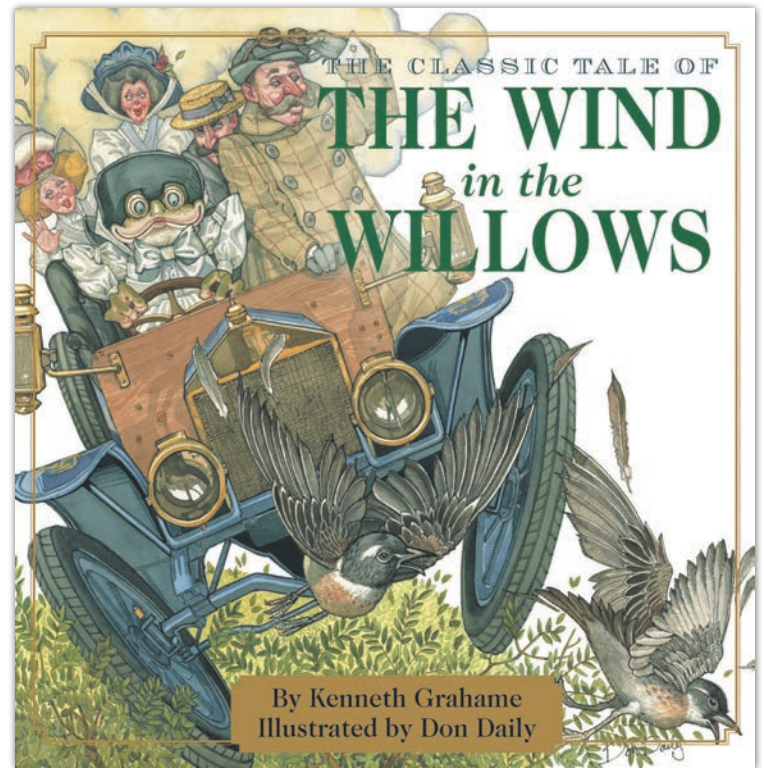
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**Emerald Coast Theatre Company presents THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS May 18 and 19 at Grand Boulevard in Miramar Beach.**

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

#### "THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged)"

*The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 PM (Doors Open at 7)*

**LoveTheREP.com**

**Kevin Boyle, Brook Stetler and Kyle Walter** in a fast-paced ride through 37 of Shakespeare's plays in just 97 minutes. Tickets are \$30 general admission (\$24 for REP members).

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

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### MONDAY, MAY 13

#### CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW

*Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM*

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### THURSDAY, MAY 16- SATURDAY, MAY 18

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### THURSDAY, MAY 16- SUNDAY, MAY 19

#### NORTHWEST FLORIDA THEATRE FESTIVAL 560 Grand Boulevard, Upstairs, Miramar Beach **NWFTheatreFestival.com**

Tickets are \$15-\$25 per show. All access passes available online. Complete schedule in this issue's middle section. Follow the conversation online - **#AStageForAll!**

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

#### EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS"

*560 Grand Boulevard, Upstairs, 7 PM*

**EmeraldCoastTheatre.org**

ECTC closes out its sixth season of Theatre for Young Audiences, for ages 6 and up. Tickets are \$10.

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

#### EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS"

*560 Grand Boulevard, Upstairs, 2 PM*

**EmeraldCoastTheatre.org**

### MONDAY, MAY 20

#### CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW

*Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM*

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# That's Amaro... Some Truth About Bitters

By Bruce Collier

**“Amaro”** (plural **“Amari”**) simply means “bitter” in Italian. Collectively it refers to alcoholic beverages (from Italy and other countries) that range from 11 to 40 percent alcohol by volume (ABV), made from proprietary recipes of herbs, botanicals, barks, extracts, oils and other flavorings that are steeped in alcohol, sweetened (or not), and allowed to mature, or age in barrels.

Originally created by monks and physicians as medicines, they became prized as before- or after-dinner aperitif and digestive sippers, neat or with ice. Modern bartenders have discovered their value as cocktail ingredients, where they add notes of fruit, herbs, and other mysterious elements. After a slow start, they are appearing more frequently on American liquor shelves and bar menus. Here are five, all Italian, available locally, that are worth trying.

**Aperol** (Milan)  
11 percent ABV  
\$19.99

Contains bitter and sweet orange, gentian and rhubarb, among other ingredients. Tasted neat at room temperature. Orange and pink color. Nose is fruit punch-y with sweet orange and bubble gum notes, and a summery Popsicle smell. The least alcoholic of all the amari I tried. Taste is candy-sweet, with a subtle bitter orange-peel finish at the end. Good with club soda, or Prosecco (an Italian sparkling wine) and soda.

**Averna** (Caltanissetta, Sicily)  
29 percent ABV  
\$34.99

Lemon and orange oils, pomegranate and other undisclosed ingredients. Tasted neat, and substituted for vermouth in a “Black Manhattan” with Stranahan’s malted barley whiskey. Color is rich, cola brown, with a golden edge like Demerara rum. Licorice, vanilla, warm cola scents. Taste is strong candied bitter orange, like dark marmalade. Honey and bitter molasses on the finish. Slightly hot, almost like liqueur. Enriches the Manhattan, takes the fruitiness down from sweet vermouth, pairs well with spicy barley whiskey. Use orange bitters, or add an orange peel.

**Fernet-Branca** (Milan)  
39 percent ABV  
\$25.99

“Fernet” is the style of amaro; other companies make it, but Branca is the most famous. Contains some 27-plus herbs, spices, roots and botanicals

including bitter orange, cardamom, aloe ferox, chamomile, galangal, myrrh, rhubarb and saffron (reportedly 17 percent of the world’s saffron crop is purchased by Fernet-Branca).

They name all ingredients, but say the secret is in the quantities and preparation. Tasted at room temperature, neat. Cola or dark rum color. Scent of mint leaves, rummy, sugar-and-barrel caramelization. The finish defaults to mint and eucalyptus. Taste—no sweetness, like unsugared mint chewing gum. Astringent, thin, a warm bite. The resemblance to rum remains—minted rum.

Cocktail choices include a 50/50 shot drink—“Ferrari”—3/4 ounce each of Fernet-Branca and Campari. The Fernet swallows up the color, but the Campari delivers a complementary sweetness. Campari also adds heavier body. If Campari is too sweet and Fernet-Branca too dry, this can reconcile you to both. You must try Fernet and Coca-Cola—reportedly the “national drink of

Argentina,” a country that consumes some 75 percent of the Fernet-Branca made annually. Pour 1 and 1/2 ounces of Fernet-Branca over ice in a highball glass, fill with cola, stir. The Fernet-Branca website says “without garnish,” and with 27-odd herbs and spices already in the Fernet, plus whatever’s in Coca-Cola, there’s no room for garnish. If Coke is too sweet, this might appeal to you—it’s herbal and minty to start (Coke Menthol?) dry and slightly bitter to finish. It’s an acquired taste, but the Argentines consume this blend by the two-liter (Coke) bottle, communally, so pay attention.

**Paolucci Amaro Ciociaro**  
(Frosinone, Italy)  
30 percent ABV  
\$21.99

Tasted room temperature, neat. Cola or coffee dark, like Jamaican rum. Cola nose. Tastes like hard ribbon candy, root beer barrel, chocolate. Sweet candied orange peel, marmalade, dark honey. Thick, almost syrupy, sweet, no bitterness, no burn. Cocktail

suggestion: 1 and 1/2 ounces bourbon, 1/2 ounce each of Amaro Ciociaro and Aperol, blended and chilled with a large ice cube infused with Angostura bitters, and lemon wedge. As the cube melts, the bitters disperse and complicate things.

**Campari** (Milan)  
24 percent ABV  
\$29.99

Ingredients undisclosed aside from alcohol and water. Tasted room temperature, neat. Clear, clean pinkish-salmon rose color. Nose is slightly astringent orange peel, hard candy, menthol. Taste is sweet, balanced by candied citrus peel—orange, grapefruit (and pith), lingering bitterness catches up with the sweetness of initial taste. Red fruit, berries, all candied. No tartness. Mix with soda and a lemon twist, you may think of Mickey’s Club Cool at Epcot or the tasting room at the Coca-Cola Museum in Atlanta—it’s like “Beverly,” the Italian soda people love to hate. Make it weak or strong—as with all amari, you gotta be the boss.





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## Restaurant Guide

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### BARBEQUE

**BACK BEACH BARBECUE** offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit [www.backbeachbarbecue.com](http://www.backbeachbarbecue.com).

**LILLIE'S Q** Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

### BREAKFAST & MORE

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**CAMILLE'S CAFE** Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

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**THE LOCAL MARKET** Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

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### BURGERS

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### CASUAL DINING

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## CONTEMPORARY

**LOUIS LOUIS** Louis Louis is another dining hit. This “sister” restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don’t skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

## DINNER & A SHOW

**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK** If you’re looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We’ve been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we’ve got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren’t voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at **GraffitiFBS.com**.

**REDD’S FUELING STATION** a/k/a Redd’s Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit **www.reddsfuel.com** and find **Redd’s Pub N Song** on Facebook.

## ECLECTIC

**Café Thirty-A** Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

**GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK** Destin, 850-424-6650. **GraffitiFBS.com**

**THE RED BAR** The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you’ll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. **www.theredbar.com**.

## FINE DINING

**EDWARD’S FINE FOOD AND WINE** Relax, you’re at Edward’s. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor seating available. Join us at the chef’s counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. **Edwards30a.com**.

## GERMAN/AMERICAN

**FOKKERS PUB** German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there’s something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

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## ITALIAN

**CIAO ITALIA BISTRO** Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni’s latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

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**LA COCINA** is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

**LA PAZ** offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. [www.lapazdestin.com](http://www.lapazdestin.com).

**PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL** An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. [www.mypepititos.com](http://www.mypepititos.com).

**ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR** Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. [ROCKINTACOS.COM](http://ROCKINTACOS.COM)

### PIZZA & PASTA

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**MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY** Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

### SEAFOOD

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF** A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with

house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

**THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR** Destin, 850-654-2722. [CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM](http://CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM)

**THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR** Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. [CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM](http://CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM)

**DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT** The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

**DEWEY DESTIN'S NAVARRE** All your favorites, plus live music with Beachcomber Music Award winner Austin Jennings every Saturday night from 8 to 11. Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-8 PM, and Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-9 PM. 8673 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, 850-710-7070.

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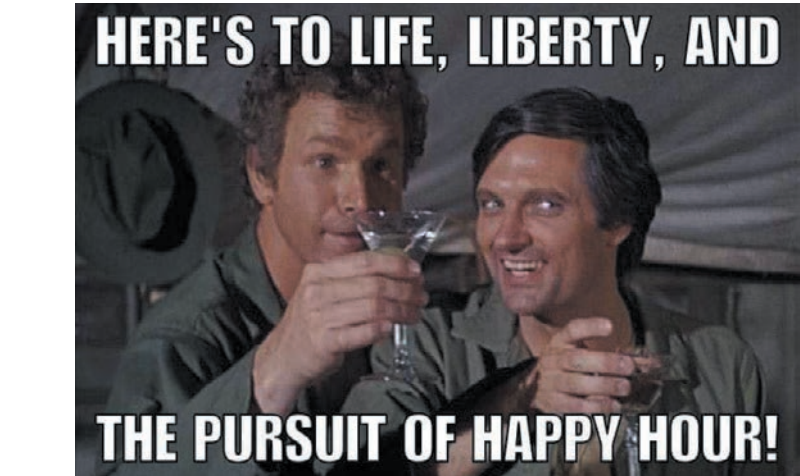
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850-424-3507  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6

PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.  
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*If your bar isn’t listed here, you need to email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com) immediately!*

**LA PAZ**  
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850-534-0400  
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**When:** Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM  
**Drink Specials:** \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.



# Bloody Mary Mornings with Mom

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,  
I asked my mom where she'd like to go for Mother's Day, and she said she wanted to go out for Bloody Marys. She's a big Bloody Mary fan, and went to a Bloody Mary festival last year that was apparently pretty amazing. When she described the event, I thought she'd tell me about different flavors of Bloody Marys. Instead, she described a variety of Bloody Marys with FOOD on them—miniature cheeseburgers, toasted bread with pimento cheese, shrimp, bacon, sushi, even a Bloody Mary made with squid ink that included a tiny octopus. Anyway, she always orders a Bloody Mary when she bowls, and last night she told the bartender she wanted extra olives because it was dinner. The bartender thought that was funny, but Mom was serious. Is she right? Are Bloody Marys a meal?  
- Penelope C. from Miramar Beach

That was a lot of explanation just to find out if Bloody Marys can be considered “dinner.” I do think a Bloody Mary with food—such as a miniature cheeseburger, for example—could be considered a meal. And although green olives are loaded with vitamins and minerals such as calcium, iron, vitamin E, selenium and copper, and the fat in a green olive is monounsaturated fat (the GOOD fat), I don't think a few green olives is really a meal. So instead of just plowing her with drinks, take Mom out for a delicious brunch that includes actual food...but keep the Bloody Marys coming!

Dear Dawn,  
There's a fast food place around here that I personally boycott because the owner of this chain hunts elephants and rhinos for fun. In my mind, that's criminal. My friends understand why I won't go to the place, but they think it's fruitless because the actions of one person will not make a difference. What do you think?  
- John F. from Shalimar

I think your friends are wrong. Mahatma Gandhi said, “You must be the change you want to see in the world.” He was saying that it is possible for the actions of one person to make a difference in the world. And that, in fact, it's the only way that

change ever occurs. It also means that “leading by example,” and taking personal responsibility is essential to making change happen—whether it occurs immediately or gradually over time.

Many people seem to believe that sweeping change is often hopeless, and that you have to get the majority of people on board to make anything worthwhile happen. But I've read studies that say all you really need is a “committed minority” of true believers—just one in 10 people—to make change happen. My suggestion to you is to start with those friends of yours who claim they understand why you are boycotting this establishment. Get them on board! And by the way, John, I too boycott this particular fast food place for the exact same reason.

Dear Dawn,  
I moved here from California about 10 years ago. One thing that really bothers me is the containers used for take-out are made of Styrofoam. In California, when you order Chinese food, it is given to you in cardboard boxes with a wire handle. Why are we still using Styrofoam here in Florida? Everyone knows these throwaway containers do not decompose!  
- Li W. from Destin

I'm with you, Li. I also moved here from California, and it was shocking to me 17 years ago and still shocking today that Styrofoam is the take-out container of choice, not just at Chinese restaurants but everywhere. Your question is timely, though, as I just read this morning that Maine is the first state to outlaw these items. Oregon, Vermont and Connecticut are also considering banning these food containers, and dozens of individual communities from Berkeley, Seattle, Minneapolis and New York City have already passed their own bans.

The question above kind of ties into this, too, Li. One person can make a difference! Write your congressman, voice your opinion, and let's close the lid for good on these ocean-polluting, non-decomposing Styrofoam take-out containers in Florida!

Dawn Bright is an eternal optimist. And that's pretty much all you need to know about her. Email your questions to [office@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:office@beachcomberdestin.com).

## News from Beachcomberland CONTINUED...

This summer, the CVHN mobile dental clinic will be going on tour, visiting businesses and churches in Walton and Okaloosa counties to spread awareness about the programs CVHN offers.

“The Bus Tour will give our community a chance to step onto our new mobile dental clinic and learn more about the services we are able to provide to low-income families in our community,” Mr. Lowe said.

Additionally, on April 22, CVHN launched a social media campaign to name the bus. Community members can submit their suggestions on Facebook and Instagram. The person who submits the

winning name will win a beach bonfire from Beach Life Vacation Company.

The new mobile dental clinic and its new name will be unveiled to the community at CVHN's Third Annual Smile Mile & 5K **May 11** in the scenic community of WaterColor. Event participants will have the opportunity to tour the bus and learn more about what takes place on it as it travels around from school-to-school.


For more information about Children's Volunteer Health Network or to request the bus visit your business, please email [Brian@cvhnkids.org](mailto:Brian@cvhnkids.org) or visit [cvhnkids.org](http://cvhnkids.org).

- Carly Harmer

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	Sunset	7:32pm	Low 3:27am
	Moon	58%	High 6:14pm
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	Moon	79%	High 10:00am
5.16	Sunrise	5:51am	TIDES
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5.17	Sunrise	5:51am	TIDES
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**PISCES**  
FEB. 20 - MAR. 20




Once again, what's the point? Try to cheer you up with some kind of hocus pocus planetary junk? Forget it. Get a life! Try working and being fair to people and nice, too. And quit pitying yourself and try, try, try a little tenderness to others.

**ARIES**  
MAR. 21 - APR. 20




Nothing but blue skies...from now on. Just when you think it can't get better, it gets way better. Everything is in Technicolor, and life floats by on a giant screen.

**TAURUS**  
APR. 21 - MAY 21




If you think anything in the planets, the stars or the skies can turn your life around, you're having a silly daydream. It sucks and gets worse.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22 - JUNE 21




You don't have any lucky numbers or colors or days of the week. You're so unlucky it's boring. Your pets don't even like you anymore.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22 - JULY 22




Got lemons. Make lemonade? You got ugly fruit, and even if you had lemons, you couldn't follow a simple recipe that ONLY involves sugar and water.

**LEO**  
JULY 23 - AUG. 23




Lion my ass. You've got the fortitude of a weak, runty, malnourished kitten with no hope of ever being rescued.

**VIRGO**  
AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23




It's been worse. I guess you could look at it that way. But not much worse. And the way you look at stuff is so weird and warped, you can't recognize up from down or good from bad.

**LIBRA**  
SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23




Life is a cabaret, my friend. It's like you're in a hit musical and you're the star—dancing, singing, and doing all kinds of totally athletic gymnastic-type stuff. You really are something else!

**SCORPIO**  
OCT. 24 - NOV. 22




Mercury moves into Taurus, and life falls apart quickly. Try to call 911 and see how much one of those switchboard operators can help. You'll have them weeping with your sob stories until THEY need help.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



Day in and day out, you might be the unluckiest of all the signs. Surely, you say, things will change at some point. Oh, no, they won't. Trends are trends for a reason, and you're trending straight down into the netherworld of despair.

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



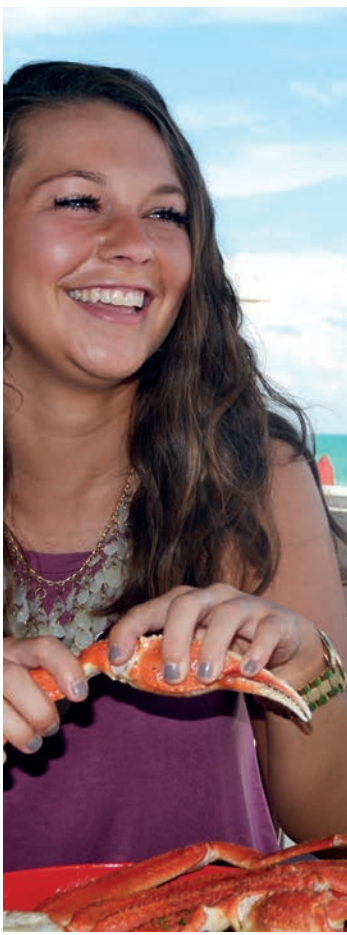
Saturn is home now, and that just means more of the same crap. You expect things to change. NEVER. How about you trying to change instead of gambling on the stars to do it for you?

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